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SAC, Birmingham (105-272) March 13, 1956

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurairtel March 6, 1956. Reference is also made to Bureau letter to Atlanta dated November 3, 1955, captioned "Citizens Councils and States' Rights Movement, Internal Security - X."

Copies of all reports prepared concerning citizens councils should be disseminated locally to ONI, OSI and G-2. You should adhere to instructions set forth in reBulet in disseminating copies of the initial report in each case.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 15, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

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SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Citizens Councils of Alabama

Rebulet to Mobile, 3-1-56.

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The Birmingham Office has opened files on 35 Citizens Councils. A list of these individual files and the Birmingham file numbers are as follows:

Alabaster	105-290	Greenwood (Bessemer)	105-291
Anniston	105-276	Holt	105-320
Ashland	105-315	Homewood	105-295
Bayview	105-325	Hueytown	105-303
Bessemer	105-304	Industrial City	105-307
Bibb County, Ala.	105-318	Lincoln	105-316
Calera	105-319	Lineville	105-317
Centreville	105-318	Lipscomb	105-310
Columbiana	105-294	Midfield	105-305
Concord	105-306	North Birmingham	105-311
East Birmingham	105-292	Roebuck	105-309
Ensley	105-323	Sylacauga	105-296
Etowah County, Gadsden	105-314	Talladega	105-297
		Tarrant City	105-281
Eutaw	105-302	Tuscaloosa	105-299
Fairfield	105-324	Warrior	105-300
Fosters	105-298	West Central Park (Birmingham)	105-293
Gadsden	105-314		
Gardendale	105-312		

Reports will be submitted in above files.

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KEITH stated that a county council becomes affiliated with the State organization by accepting the State Constitution and by paying to the State group dues of $1.00 per year per member. Each individual council continues to enjoy the rights of local self-government, including selection of its officers. The State group, however, exercises control over all affiliated councils in order to prevent any affiliated group from being taken over by radicals or rabble-rousers. KEITH stated that if any affiliated council elects officers not acceptable to the State organization, that council is subject to being expelled from the State organization. In addition, he stated that the State organization controls the speakers who appear before meetings of the county councils. He cited as an example that [redacted], a student at the University of Alabama who was involved in the opposition to entrance of Negro [redacted] at the University, was scheduled to speak before the Houston County Council at Dothan, Ala. on 3/8/56. The State organization, however, does not consider [redacted] an acceptable person to speak before the Citizens' Councils, and would not approve him as a speaker before the Dothan group, and consequently the group withdrew the invitation for [redacted] to speak. b6 b7C

KEITH called off from memory that the following county councils have become affiliated with the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama under the conditions described above:

Barbour	Lee
Bibb	Lowndes
Butler	Marengo
Choctaw	Montgomery
Dallas	Perry
Escambia	Pickens
Greene	Sumter
Hale	Tuscaloosa
Houston	Wilcox

KEITH also noted that county councils have recently been formed in Clarke and Mobile Counties, and are becoming affiliated with the State organization. He stated further that the councils in the following counties were organized and are believed to have become affiliated with subject organization:

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Autauga
Bullock
Crenshaw
Chilton
Elmore
Jefferson
Macon
Pike

On 3/9/56, Mr. EUGENE S. HALL, Chairman, State Education Committee, Montgomery County Citizens' Council, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning subject organization, advised SA [redacted] that the State organization appears destined to exercise an increased control over county councils affiliated with subject organization. He stated that the Constitution of the State organization provides for expelling county groups which do not act in the best interests of the State organization. He noted that the State organization receives one-third of the membership fees collected from members of each county council.

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Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH stated that the North Alabama Citizens' Council is not in any way connected with subject organization, and he characterized "ACE" CARTER as a type of hate monger who jumped into the council movement for his own personal benefit and that the State organization is determined to keep him out of the movement. He stated that CARTER has claimed 45 or more organizations in the North Alabama Citizens' Council, but has been forced to admit that he only has three groups in the North Alabama area. KEITH stated that the subject organization intends to run CARTER out of business.

The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not the above information constitutes sufficient affiliation and connection of county councils with the State organization to warrant maintenance of one main file or if individual files should properly be opened on each county council. In the event the Bureau feels that all affiliated councils should be reported on in one main file, any county council which might not actually affiliate with the State organization should be reported on separately.

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cc Mr. [redacted]

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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Reurlet dated March 13, 1956.

The information set forth in relet indicates that the county organizations which have been formed in Alabama are affiliated with and subservient to the captioned organization. Therefore, it will not be necessary to submit a separate report on each organization. However, if information is received in the future that any of these organizations are autonomous the Bureau should be notified immediately and thereafter reports submitted on those autonomous organizations.

In order for the Bureau to be in possession of complete information regarding each county organization, your reports on the captioned organizations should be broken down by county showing the activities of each of the separate organizations.

cc SAC, Birmingham (105-272) (Information)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/13/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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Reference is made to Eulet to Mobile and Birmingham, 3/1/56, noting that a news article had referred to the county councils as autonomous, and instructing that separate files be opened on each of the county councils.

The following information has been furnished to this office concerning the organizational setup of the councils which are affiliated with the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama.

This information relates to the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama, and does not apply to the North Alabama Citizens' Council under "ACE" CARTER, which group has no connection with subject organization.

On 3/9/56 Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney, Selma, Ala., who is a former chairman of the Dallas County Citizens' Council and who is presently a member of the State Committee of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama, furnished the following information to SA JOHN P. BRADY, it being noted that KEITH has furnished reliable information in the past concerning Citizens' Councils.

KEITH participated in the formation of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama at Montgomery, Ala. on 2/17/56 and was selected as one of the Committee members for the State organization. He noted that the State organization has adopted a State Constitution which states that the aims and purposes of the organization are to maintain segregation in Alabama by legal and peaceful means. The goal of the State organization is to have organized a council in each county of Alabama affiliated with the State group, although no policy has been adopted which would prohibit the organization of more than one council in any particular county.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/15/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

For the information of the Bureau, there is enclosed herewith one copy of a news article from the Montgomery Advertiser daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, dated 3/14/56 page 1, entitled "BOYKIN JOINS TWO COUNCILS, EYEING THIRD."

This article reflects that U. S. Representative FRANK BOYKIN of Alabama's First District has joined two Citizens' Councils in Alabama and is to join a third. In a letter dated 3/6/56 BOYKIN was quoted as saying he belongs to the organization in Marengo County and Wilcox County and "they are forming one in Mobile, where he will also join." b6 b7C

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Boykin Joins Two Councils, Eyeing Third

U.S. Rep. Frank Boykin of Alabama's First District has joined not one, but two White Citizens' Councils in Alabama and plans to join a third when it is organized.

"I not only belong to the organization in Marengo County, but also the Wilcox County organization," Boykin said in a letter dated March 6, "and they are forming one in Mobile, where I will also join."

BOYKIN

In a letter written to a resident in Wilcox, of which a carbon copy was sent to The Advertiser, Rep. Boykin denied he would support the candidacy of New York Gov. Averell Harriman for president.

Noting that he had learned that the WCC chapters were not satisfied with an earlier statement on segregation, Boykin wrote:

"I think perhaps what they are worried about is Gov. Harriman's statement. You will recall we had Gov. Harriman down for a hunt at our place at McIntosh. I have known him for many, many long years and have worked with him here in Washington for the past 20 years; however, I am sure that no one would expect me or anybody else to vote for Averell Harriman for President, after he made the statement he did about the federal troops, the National Guard, etc., taking over in Tuscaloosa, and I certainly would not vote for Averell Harriman or any other man who felt that way about segregation and our beloved Southland."

In the same letter Boykin also took issue with a recent article in The Advertiser regarding a poll of Alabama's congressional delegation on the nullification resolution.

Boykin was one of three members of the delegation who were not reached for comment despite repeated efforts.

The congressman said he was amazed that such an editorial was allowed to appear," adding "some reporters are always anxious to stir up strife."

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Date: March 15, 1956

To: Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The "Birmingham News," a Birmingham, Alabama, newspaper, in its issue of March 10, 1956, carried an article which revealed that a meeting of the North Alabama Citizens Council was held on the night of March 9, 1956, at the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, and was attended by approximately 3,000 persons.

Asa Carter, executive secretary of the councils, spoke at this meeting and charged Governor James E. Folsom with failure to uphold segregation laws. He pointed out that Alabama needs a governor who will say to the Supreme Court that the first Negro who sets foot in our white schools will be put in jail, and who will say to a Federal judge that if he connives with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to put Negroes in schools he, the judge, would be put in jail also. A petition was circulated at the meeting calling for the impeachment of Governor Folsom.

Another speaker was Rear Admiral John Crommelin, United States Navy, retired, who is a candidate for United States Senator from Alabama. He told the group that he recognized the fact that citizens councils could not endorse any candidate for public office, but that as a candidate for public office he could endorse the councils.

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins (sent by form 0-6, same date)

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He further stated that he was going to make his opponent, Senator Lister Hill, join the citizens councils or tell the voters why he will not. Crommelin indicated that Alabama is run by one of the most vicious political machines in its history and he called for a bloodless revolution to overthrow the alien forces that have seized the government. He also promised his audience that if elected to the Senate he would demand an investigation of the justices of the United States Supreme Court and would introduce a bill to have the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People investigated for Communist affiliations.

The above is being furnished you for your information. Copies of reports concerning citizens councils in Alabama have been furnished you previously. Any additional pertinent information received concerning the above will be furnished you promptly.

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF ALABAMA
IS - X

The BIRMINGHAM NEWS, afternoon daily, issue of 3/10/56, carried a two column front page article captioned, "GOVERNOR UNDER FIRE - OUST FOLSOM, COUNCIL RALLY SPEAKER URGES." This article indicated that a meeting of the North Alabama Citizens Council was held on the night of 3/9/56 at the Municipal Auditorium, Birmingham, and was attended by about 3000 persons.

ASA CARTER, aka. Ace Carter, Executive Secretary of the Councils, made an hour and one-half speech to the group, the high point of which was the circulation of a petition calling for the impeachment of Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM of Alabama. CARTER charged that FOLSOM had failed to uphold segregation laws and had not followed the State Constitution as he had taken an oath to do. CARTER criticized each of the Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court individually and charged that a large number of officers of the NAACP have been active in Communist front organizations. CARTER stated that segregation issue would be settled within two years, one way or the other. He pointed out that Alabama needed a governor that would say to the Supreme Court that the first Negro who sets foot in our white schools will be put in jail and also say to a Federal judge that if he connives with the NAACP to put Negroes in the schools, he, the Governor, would put him in jail, too.

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office, but added that as a candidate for public office he could endorse the White Citizens Councils. He further stated that he was going to make his opponent, Senator LISTER HILL, join the White Citizens Councils or tell the voters why he will not. CROMMELIN indicated that Alabama is run by one of the most vicious political machines in its history. He called for a bloodless revolution to overthrow the alien forces that have seized the government. CROMMELIN promised his audience that if elected to the Senate he would demand an investigation of the Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court who made the 1954 anti-segregation ruling and that he would also introduce a bill to have the NAACP investigated for Communist affiliations.

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information and the results of further meetings and action taken therein by subject organization will be immediately furnished the Bureau.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 3/22/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

As of possible interest to the Bureau, I am enclosing herewith two copies of a newspaper item appearing in the Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery, Alabama, 3/21/56, captioned "COUNCILS SEND QUERY TO CANDIDATES."

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Councils Send Query To Candidates

White Citizens Councils in Alabama have mailed questionnaires to candidates in the May 1 Democratic primary which specifically ask whether they would join such an organization.

The same questionnaires ask: "Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?"

Macon's State Sen. Sam Engelhardt Jr., chairman of the Central Alabama Citizens' Council at Montgomery, and executive of the State Citizens Council Assn., said he already has received about 50 replies.

Three different sets of questionnaires have been sent out—one by the state group another by the Central Alabama Council at Montgomery, and a third by the Marengo County Citizens Council.

Engelhardt said the one sent which requests that answers be given "yes or no,"—with no other answer acceptable, follows:

"1. Will you give your wholehearted support to the action which has already been taken by the Legislature of Alabama toward maintaining segregation?

"2. Are you willing to advise those voters, Negro or otherwise, who favor the policy of integration, that they may not only expect no support for their policies from you, but also that they may expect you to fight with every means at your disposal any attempt to bring integration to this state?

"3. Has the NAACP or any other organization dedicated to the break-down of Alabama policies on segregation made any financial contribution directly or indirectly to your campaign?

"4. Do you here and now deny the Negro vote?

"5. Do you here and now say to the Negro that you do not want his vote?

"6. Are you willing to submit to this office a notarized list of organizations contributing to your campaign?

"7. Do you believe in the Citizens Councils of Alabama movement?

"8. Are you a member of a unit of the Citizens Councils of Alabama?

"9. If not, will you join a unit of the Citizens Councils of Alabama?"

The questionnaire provides a place for the candidates' signature, for what office he is seeking, and a form for his signature to be sworn to by a notary public.

Engelhardt said the answers given by the candidates will be made public when it is apparent that most of the questionnaires to be returned have been received.

Meanwhile, the board of directors of the Montgomery County Citizens Council, which is affiliated with the Central Alabama organization, passed a resolution calling on the state Legislature for an "investigation of all our state supported institutions of higher learning for possible subversive activities."

The resolution urged the Legislature to appoint an interim committee to conduct the investigation.

Eugene Hall, chairman of the Montgomery Council's education committee, released a written statement yesterday charging that recent racial unrest at the University of Alabama "was planned by the Communists and the NAACP and abetted by so-called liberal sympathizers."

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TO : Directo[redacted]6/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS
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Reference is made to Birmingham memo to Bureau, 4/4/56, entitled CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST END, Birmingham, Alabama, IS - X, indicating that a new file was opened on the Citizens Council of West End which has affiliated with the Alabama Citizens Council with headquarters at Montgomery. Birmingham advised that Mobile would be carried as Origin in that case and all Citizens Alabama cases affiliated with the state organization at Montgomery.

Birmingham is referenced to Bulet to Mobile and Birmingham dated 3/23/56 setting forth that it would not be necessary to submit separate report on each organization which is affiliated with and subservient to the state organization. If, however, a county organization is autonomous, the Bureau should be notified and thereafter separate reports submitted on the autonomous organization.

Accordingly, it would appear that the Citizens Council of West End could be reported in the main file on the state organization as captioned above, with Mobile Origin. Any separate cases, however, on Citizens Councils in the Birmingham Division should carry the Birmingham Office as Origin.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 4/10/56

FROM: SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATIONS OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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On 3/30/56, [redacted], Carbon Hill, Ala., whose name should be kept confidential, furnished SA DUDLEY F. PEELER of the Birmingham Office some literature concerning captioned organization which he received in the mail from SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary, Citizens Council of Alabama, P. O. Box 2563, Montgomery, Alabama. This literature consisted of an alleged reprint of a speech made by [redacted], "a Negro high in the Council of the NAACP," a copy of the constitution of the Citizens Councils of Alabama, a copy of a proposed constitution for County Citizens Council organizations, and two small cards to be filled out by applicants to the Alabama Citizens Council organization. The speech of [redacted] has been previously forwarded to the Bureau by Birmingham. Photostatic copies of the constitution for the Citizens Councils of Alabama and the proposed constitution for County Councils are being forwarded as enclosures with this letter.

Mr. [redacted] exhibited to SA PEELER a letter he received from State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., in connection with this matter. A portion of this letter is as follows:

> "We are doing out utmost to have councils headed by good substantial people who will not stand for rabble-rousing, but will stand absolutely for segregation in all of its phases. I am enclosing a copy of a local citizens council constitution and also a copy of the state council constitution. Please read these constitutions and their dealing with the object of the organizations. You will note that we intend to solve the problem peacefully and legally.

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"The Citizens' Council is not a political organization. It is merely an organized and orderly revolt by white people of Alabama and the South against the left-wing, political U. S. Supreme Court. In order to make the revolt strong, we are going to mail out questionnaires to every candidate for public office from constable to Congress. We intend to know how each politician stands on this very vital question. There can be no middle-ground; you are either on the white side or you are on the colored side.

"You have, no doubt, heard of boycotts being advocated by the Council. This is merely an effort by agitators to hurt our cause. This has been done, however, in other states and in one or two instances in Alabama.

"You might be interested to know we have over 50,000 members and about sixty Councils in Alabama. By the end of next week, we expedt to have ten or twelve more units formed and by the end of 1956, we expect a membership of 200,000.

"I am sure you realize that agitators are working in your county day and night. I am enclosing a copy of a very inflammatory speech made at an NAACP meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, by a negro professor from Howard University, in Washington, D. C. We know the same types of meetings are held every night somewhere in Alabama and this is being done in your county every week in a number of places. The NAACP has organized and if we do not organize the white people, our 'jig is up'."

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this Association is "The Citizens' Councils of Alabama." Its principal office shall be in Montgomery with such other office or offices as the Executive Committee may designate.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

This Association is dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our communities and in our state and to the preservation of States' Rights.

ARTICLE III

RESTRICTION ON POWERS

This Association shall not endeavor to advise, instruct or control any Citizens' Council, or member thereof as to any proposed course of action. It shall not have and shall not assume any power or control of any kind over any Citizens' Council or member thereof and shall not have and shall not assume any responsibility for any act of any Citizens' Council or member thereof.

ARTICLE IV

DIRECTORS

Section 1. Each county within the State of Alabama having one or more recognized Citizens' Councils therein may from and by the membership of such Council or Councils elect one director and one alternate director of this Association to serve until his successor shall have been elected. No county shall have more than one director and one alternate director.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of this association may at its pleasure request any director, or his alternate, to be recalled; and if the Citizens' Council or Councils of the county from which he was elected fails to recall him, then the directors of this Association may by a majority vote expel him from his office of director or alternate director.

Section 3. An alternate director may vote and act as a director when the director for whom he is alternate is not present.

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ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The directors of this Association shall elect from its membership a temporary Executive Committee to serve until their successors shall be elected as hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The temporary Executive Committee shall divide the State of Alabama, or such part thereof as they think proper, into districts for the election of Executive Committeemen. No county may be partly in one district and partly in another.

Section 3. The directors of each district shall from among the directors in that district elect such member as the Executive Committee may designate to serve on the Executive Committee. The Committeemen so elected and the officers of this Association shall constitute the Executive Committee, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have full power to operate and conduct the Association; to adopt by majority vote suitable by-laws for the Association, and from time to time to amend any such by-laws by majority vote; to elect the officers of this Association; and from time to time to change the boundaries of the districts provided for in Section 2 hereof and to establish new districts.

Section 5. The term "recognized Citizens' Council as used in this Constitution shall be construed to mean such Citizens' Councils in Alabama as are recognized by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may at any time in its discretion refuse to recognize any Citizens' Council or withdraw recognition from such Council. No Citizens' Council not recognized by the Executive Committee shall take part in any election herein provided for or in any activity of this Association.

Section 6. The temporary Executive Committee shall have all of the powers herein conferred upon the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Executive Committee may in its discretion incorporate this Association or cause same to be incorporated under the laws of Alabama as a non-profit corporation without stock or stock-holders.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall elect a Treasurer, an Executive Secretary and such other Executive officer as the Executive Committee determines to be necessary and proper. The only

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qualification for said officers is that the person so elected shall be a member in good standing of some recognized Citizens' Council in Alabama, and such person may or may not be a director or a member of the Executive Committee at the time of his election. Every officer so elected shall by virtue of his office be and become a member of the Executive Committee if he is not already a member thereof.

Section 2. All officers except the Executive Secretary and/or other executive officer or officers elected by the Executive Committee shall serve without remuneration. The Executive Secretary and/or other executive officer or officers shall have their salary fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee. All such officers shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The term of office of all officers of this Association shall be as provided in the by-laws of the Association made under the authority of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The directors shall be elected annually at such time or times as the by-laws of this Association shall provide.

Section 2. The directors shall once each year, or at such shorter intervals as the by-laws of this Association shall provide, elect members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A majority of the directors present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any alternate present shall in the absence of the director for whom he is alternate be considered a director.

Section 4. A majority of the Executive Committee present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Meetings of the directors and Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places as may be provided by the by-laws of this Association; and in addition to this, the Chairman and the Executive Secretary shall each have power to call special meetings of the directors and of the Executive Committee by giving five days written notice of the time and place of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

Section 1. Each director shall pay such annual contributions as shall be fixed by the Association. In the event of a failure of the by-laws to provide for such contributions, then each director

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shall pay annual dues in the amount of $1.00 for each member of a recognized Citizens' Council within the County from which he was elected.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or changed by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the directors.

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The name of this association shall be the _____ County Citizens Council.

The object of the association shall be: To engender and promote good feeling between the colored and white people of our section; to consult and advise with the various boards, commissions, organizations and officials, both public and private, to the end that friction between the races will be avoided; to act as a sounding board and to investigate the submission of complaints, suggestions, and criticism relative to the treatment of individuals or groups in order that individuals of both races will be fairly treated and their legal rights protected; to consult, counsel and advise with the leaders and members of the colored race toward the equalization of facilities, a fair division of the tax betterments, of welfare and other relief payments and the equitable division of public housing, school appropriations and charitable donations; to maintain, protect and preserve the legal, moral and ethnical separation of the races as now provided by law and as sanctioned by our usages, customs, training and tradition; by legal and peaceful means.

ARTICLE II - - MEMBERSHIP:

1. All white citizens who are 18 years of age and over are approved for membership by the Executive Committee shall be eligible for membership in the association, other than judicial or quasi judicial officials, and law enforcement officers. Quasi judicial officials are defined as including members of the Jury Board, Board of Equalization, Board of Registrars, City and County School Board.

A member may be dropped from the roll for cause after a hearing by the Executive Committee and refunding of current dues paid. Membership may likewise be transferred from our organization to a similar organization on request. Such dues as have been paid, or the pro rata portion thereof, will be paid to the succeeding organization, at the discretion of the Secretary.

ARTICLE III - - DUES:

The annual dues of the organization shall be in the sum of THREE DOLLARS ($3.00) for each member. Such dues shall be collected for the year beginning October 1 and ending September 30. The Treasurer, at his discretion, may prorate such dues over a period. Contributions and donations may be accepted from non-members and members.

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Whenever this association shall become a member of a State Organization, by whatever name called, the Treasurer is authorized to assess each member the sum of ONE DOLLAR ($1.00), to be paid as dues to such State Organization.

ARTICLE IV - - MEETINGS

Meetings of the association shall be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Executive Committee. Such meetings shall be opened or closed to non-members, and to the Press, Radio and Television, at the election of the Executive Committee. Notice of the meetings shall be given by mail, word of mouth, publication, announcements over the radio or such other means as may be designated by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V - - OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall consist of:

Chairman;

Vice-Chairman, representing _____ District;

Vice-Chairman, representing _____ District;

Vice-Chairman, representing _____ District;

Vice-Chairman, representing the City of _____, and its Police Jurisdiction.

Secretary-Treasurer;

An Executive Committee, composed of four representatives residing in each of said Districts, except that the City of _____ shall have ten representatives.

Officers and members of the Executive Committee shall serve from the date of their election to the close of the annual year of the association on September 30th, and until their successors areelected and qualified.

The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as shall be designated by the Chairman. Meetings shall be held not less than once a month.

A majority of the Executive Committee, including the Officers, shall constitute a quorum.

Any two Officers, or any three Members of the Executive Committee, shall have authority to call a meeting in the event the Chairman refuses or neglects to do so. Notice of all such meetings of the Executive Committee shall be given by the Secretary-Treasurer, or other such person as said Committee shall designate. Such notces shall be in writing.

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The Members, and particularly the Chairman of each standing committee, may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, be invited to attend such meetings of the Executive Committee as shall be designated by it. Such persons shall not be entitled to vote on any matter not directly concerning the committee of which they are members.

ARTICLE VI - - DUTIES:

1. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and at all general meetings. The Chairman in conjunction with the Officers of the association, and subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint all committees, which said committees shall include Membership, Speakers, Political and Educational and such other committees as may be designated

2. Each Vice-Chairman shall have general supervision and responsibility for the membership of his district, including the activity of the members of the committees from said district.

3. Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all the records of the association, including finances and shall pay all expenses. He shall make a financial report to the Executive Committee at each meeting. The expenditures of all funds must be approved by the Executive Committee.

4. All Officers, including members of the Executive Committee, shall at all times have access to the books of the association.

5. The Executive Committee shall annually, and at any time, in the event of a vacancy, name one of the four Vice-Chairmen as first Vice-Chairman. Such Vice-Chairman shall serve as acting Chairman in the event of the absence, illness, resignation or death of the Chairman.

6. The Executive Committee is authorized to vill a vacancy arising for any reason among its membership, including the right to declare a vacancy due to such member failing to regularly attend its meetings.

7. The Officers and Executive Committee shall be responsible for making the policy of the association. No person other than one designated shall have the authority to act for and in behalf of the association in any manner whatsoever. The Officers and Members of the Executive Committee of the association shall have the entire responsibility for any action taken by the association.

8. The Executive Committee is authorized to affiliate with our Council with any National or State Organization or Organizations, espousing our principles. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to nominate one or more members to be a representative in

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such organization or Organizations, and also to pay such costs and expenses in joining such Organizations, and in attendance by our representative at its meetings as is reasonable.

9. The Officers of the association, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall also annually appoint a nominating committee, to be composed of the Mayor, Probate Judge, members of the Board of Revenue, and a member from each political district of the county. The nominating committee shall be charged with the duty of making nominations for all officers to be voted on at the annual meeting of the association which annual meeting shall be held in the month of October of each year.

10. The nominating committee [illegible] also designate an audit committee, such committee [illegible] composed of a representative from each bank in _____ County. It shall be the duty of the audit committee to, at least annually, and as often as in their opinion may be necessary, to audit the books of the association and to report their findings thereon to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS:

The Constitution and By-Laws of the association may be amended by the Executive Committee on the vote of the majority of its members. Such Constitution and By-Laws may also be amended at a meeting of the members of the association, porvided such amendment has been passed by a majority of the members, and such amendment is subsequently ratified by a majority of the Executive Committee; provided, however, that the objectives of this association may not be amended by changing the purposes for which this association is formed.

[redacted]

SAC, Mobile (105-121) April 10, 1956

Director, FBI (105-43132)

CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Reurlet March 30, 1956.

Inasmuch as the captioned organizatiom is affiliated with a state-wide group it will not be necessary to submit a separate report on the Central Alabama Citizens Council but its activities may be reported in connection with Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/1 1956

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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The following is submitted for the Bureau's information.

On 3/15/56, Father A.S. FOLEY, [redacted], Springhill College, Mobile, Alabama, who is local chairman of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, which organization is interested in the peaceful promotion of integration of the races, appeared at the Mobile Office and furnished the following information to SA [redacted]. b6 b7C

Father FOLEY has been interested in following the activity of the Citizens' Councils, and sent several of his [redacted] students to attend a council meeting held in Mobile, Alabama on the night of 3/9/56. He stated that these students reported to him concerning the meeting, which was entirely peaceful. Father FOLEY stated that his students had reported that the principal speaker of the evening was Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, attorney from Selma, Alabama, who, it is noted, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama. Father FOLEY stated that these students had reported that KEITH had made some reference to the FBI in his speech. The students could not recall exactly what was said, but reported that KEITH had said something to the effect that the FBI had said the Citizens' Councils were OK.

It is noted that KEITH has previously furnished reliable information of value concerning subject organization both on a local level and on a policy level, to SA JOHN P. BRADY, Senior Resident Agent at Selma, Alabama. KEITH was formerly a leader of the local Citizens' Council in Dallas County, Alabama, but presently has no office in the county council, but rather is on the Executive Committee of the state organization.

In view of the allegations made by Father FOLEY,

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To: Director, FBI 4/11/56

Re: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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KEITH was contacted on 3/20/56 by SA BRADY at Selma, Alabama. KEITH stated that he had spoken briefly at the meeting at Mobile on 3/9/56 without notes, and accordingly he could not with complete certainty state exactly what he had said. He related, however, that he had made reference to the fact that the Citizens' Council is not a subversive organization and is not on the Attorney General's subversive list. He stated that he had made reference to the FBI in his speech in saying that the files of the Citizens' Councils are open to the FBI. He stated that his purpose in making these references was to make clear to the membership that acts of lawlessness would not be condoned on the part of the council and that inasmuch as the organization is not on the Attorney General's subversive list, there would be no objection to civil service employees joining.

KEITH emphatically stated that he had not said anything which could logically be construed as meaning that the councils had been cleared or endorsed by the FBI. KEITH was very friendly during the interview with SA BRADY, and appeared to understand thoroughly the Bureau's position, and he agreed that the matter might best be solved if in future meetings he refrained from making any reference to the FBI.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is an ad from the "Selma Times Journal", daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama, issue of 3/28/56, soliciting membership for the Dallas County Citizens' Council, Selma. It is noted that this ad states in part "that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has checked your Dallas County Citizens' Council and in it they could find nothing wrong."

On 4/5/56, KEITH was recontacted by SA BRADY in view of the information appearing in this ad. KEITH advised that he had been embarrassed by the appearance of this ad, particularly in view of his previous conversation with SA BRADY. He advised that he had not seen the ad until several

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days after it had appeared, and that he has since talked to HENRY KING, chairman of the Dallas County Council, and to EARL ELLZEY, Secretary-Treasurer of the Dallas County Council, and had prevailed upon them to cancel the ad. He stated that he had been advised that the ad had been withdrawn from the paper, and the paper was advised not to run it anymore.

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KEITH pointed out that he does not hold any office in the Dallas County Council, although he generally attends all of the executive meetings of the county council. He noted that the ad had not been discussed at any meeting at which he was in attendance, and that publication of the ad therefore slipped by him. He stated that he is in agreement that references to the FBI by the council are undesirable and that he will exert his influence to see that such a situation does not again arise.

It appears that KEITH is sincere in his desire to cooperate with this office and to refrain from references to the FBI in speeches and publications put out by the council. In view of his explanation that he was not responsible for the reference to the FBI in the enclosed ad but rather had arranged to suppress further use of it and in view of the further fact that valuable information on a policy level is furnished by KEITH, contact will be maintained with him and he will be recontacted when necessary, UACB. This matter will be followed very closely, however, and should any other information appear which is contrary to the information set out above, further contact with KEITH will be suspended and the Bureau promptly notified.

The Selma Times Journal
Selma, Alabama
3/28

Did You Know...

... That the sole purpose of the Dallas County Citizens council is to maintain segregation and our normal way of life here in the south.

Did You Know-- That there is no other organization in the entire United States that has this as their sole purpose other than the other Citizens Councils of the various counties and states.

Did You Know-- That the south is not the only section that has formed Citizens Councils and that they have actually been formed in forty states.

Did You Know-- That the Federal Bureau of Investigation has checked your Dallas County Citizens Council and in it they could find nothing wrong.

Did You Know-- That the Supreme Court does not have a single member that was elected or chosen by the people, but that they were all politically appointed.

Did You Know-- That the Supreme Court admits that it's decision was not based on law but instead it was based on a fictional book written by a foreigner with definite Left Wing ideas.

YOUR DALLAS COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT AND IF YOU ARE WHITE AND PROUD OF IT AND IF YOU WANT TO KEEP SEGREGATION IN THE SOUTH WE URGE YOU TO JOIN NOW.

YOU ARE EITHER FOR SEGREGATION OR AGAINST IT. YOU ARE EITHER WITH US OR AGAINST US.

LET'S ALL STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AND AT LEAST HAVE THE COURAGE TO TELL THE WORLD EXACTLY WHICH SIDE WE ARE ON, AS THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND.

YOUR FRIENDS WILL NOT SOON FORGET THE ONES THAT DO NOT STAND WITH THEM IN THIS STRUGGLE WHICH CERTAINLY IS YOURS AS MUCH AS IT IS THEIRS AND WE ARE GOING TO WIN.

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Ladies Are Welcome

ORGANIZE FOR VICTORY!
REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP
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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

DO NOT SEND CASH IN MAILS
Mail check or money order ($3.00) to: Dallas County Citizens Council, 2196 Water Avenue, Selma, Ala.

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Date: 4-13-56

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From SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

To: Director, FBI (105-33955

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
IS - X

On this date, Mrs. [redacted], an office employee of captioned group, called BH office and invited "officials of FBI" to attend a rally of Association of Citizens Councils. She said the rally would be at 7:30 p.m., at Birmingham Municipal Auditorium today. Mrs. [redacted] stated that the group would be most happy to have representatives of the FBI present as there is nothing wrong with their organization. Mrs. [redacted] stated she called from the Redmont Hotel. Mrs. [redacted] was thanked for extending this invitation, but no commitment or comment was made. Obviously, no personnel of this office will attend the rally. It appears probable that this group will announce or otherwise publicize the fact that they have invited the FBI to attend in an effort to offset any fears on part of members or prospective members that this organization is being investigated.

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Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/11/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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Reference is made to Bureau memo to Mobile and Birmingham dated 3/23/56, entitled CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, IS - X.

The Bureau referred to a publication entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation", which was circulated at the meeting of the Central Alabama Citizens' Council at Montgomery, Ala., 2/10/56. Mobile and Birmingham were instructed to make discreet inquiries to determine who prepared this leaflet and information concerning its publication, as well as information concerning a book, "Declaration of Segregation", which was mentioned at the bottom of the publication.

It is noted that on 2/20/56, a copy of "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" was furnished to this office by Sheriff PRESTON HORNSBY, Macon County, Tuskegee, Ala. The document purported to be a copy of a handbill distributed at a Citizens' Council rally at Montgomery, Ala. 2/10/56. Sheriff HORNSBY advised that the handbill was received through the mail on 2/18/56 by State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, who is President of subject organization. ENGLEHARDT received same in an envelope postmarked 2/18/56, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

According to Sheriff HORNSBY, ENGLEHARDT stated that he has no knowledge of such handbill having been distributed at the Citizens' Council rally at Montgomery 2/10/56. HORNSBY further stated that other persons in attendance at this 2/10/56 meeting had been able to furnish no information that such a handbill was passed out at the meeting. HORNSBY expressed the opinion that the handbill was drawn up by colored persons for inflamatory purposes. HORNSBY, however, advised that he was reporting the matter for the general information of the Bureau. It is noted that HORNSBY has

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always been very cooperative with the Bureau and appears to have a sincere desire to preserve the peace and to avoid any incidents which might lead to violence between the races.

On 4/5/56, Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, State Director, Alabama Council of Human Relations, Montgomery, Ala., who has furnished reliable information in the past to this office, advised SA [redacted] that he had received a copy of the leaflet "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation". HUGHES stated that he had received this copy from [redacted], Mobile, Ala., who furnished same to HUGHES on or about 3/10/56, and which bore the notation that it was distributed at the Citizens' Council meeting at Montgomery, 2/10/56. HUGHES stated that [redacted] is a Negro and HUGHES does not know how [redacted] came into possession of the leaflet. b6 b7C

HUGHES was unable to furnish any other information concerning this leaflet. He stated, however, that he was in attendance at the 2/10/56 meeting and did not see any indication that this leaflet was distributed at the meeting.

Contact will be had with Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, Selma, Ala., who is a member of the State Executive Committee of the subject organization, to determine if he can furnish any information concerning this leaflet or the book, it being noted that KEITH has furnished reliable information in the past.

Birmingham should advise the Bureau and Mobile of any information developed by Birmingham concerning the origin and distribution of this leaflet.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 4/20/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,
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Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated 4/20/56, at Mobile. b6 b7C

It is noted that the state officers of subject organization are listed in the synopsis of the report. For indexing purposes, it is further noted that officers of the individual county councils are listed in the body of the report in sections broken down by counties.

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the correct name of the organization as THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, as reflected in the Constitution of the organization.

This report is being broken down into one section for the state organization and one section for each of the county councils.

The Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

1. MOBILE PRESS is a daily newspaper published in Mobile, Alabama.

2. MOBILE REGISTER is a daily newspaper published in Mobile.

3. MOBILE PRESS REGISTER is a Sunday edition published in Mobile.

4. MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER is a daily newspaper published in Montgomery, Alabama

5. ALABAMA JOURNAL is a daily newspaper published in Montgomery.

6. SELMA TIMES JOURNAL is a daily newspaper published in Selma, Alabama.

7. DOTHAN EAGLE is a daily newspaper published in Dothan, Alabama.

8. OPELIKA DAILY NEWS is a daily newspaper published in Opelika, Alabama.

9. TUSCALOOSA NEWS is a daily newspaper published in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

10. COLUMBUS ENQUIRER is a daily newspaper published in Columbus, Georgia.

STATE ORGANIZATION

The February 18, 1956, issue of MOBILE REGISTER reflected the formation of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama to work with the county councils in the preservation of racial segregation. This article reflected that the statewide organization was formed at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 17, 1956, with Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Tarrant City druggist being elected

Chairman and State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR. of Macon County, Alabama, being elected Executive Secretary, state headquarters to be in Montgomery, Alabama.

An article in the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, March 6, 1956, issue, quoted ENGELHARDT as saying that the councils planned to find out how candidates stand on racial issues and let the people know. He was quoted as saying that the councils were not going to support anyone and that the councils were fighting integration only. He was quoted as saying that the subject organization at that time had 65,000 members throughout the state.

An article in the MOBILE REGISTER on March 6, 1956, quoted ENGELHARDT as saying that subject organization has no connection with the North Alabama Citizens Councils headed by ASA E. (ACE) CARTER of Birmingham, Alabama. ENGELHARDT stated that his organization was fighting only for segregation and its membership included Jews and Catholics, whereas CARTER's group was reported as being confined to white Christians.

On March 9, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney, Selma, Alabama, a member of the State Executive Committee of subject organization, advised Special Agent JOHN P. BRADY that the aims and purposes of subject organization are to maintain segregation in Alabama by legal and peaceful means. The organization plans to have affiliated councils in each county in the state, although some counties may have more than one council. KEITH advised that a local county council becomes affiliated with the state organization by accepting the State Constitution and paying the state group dues of $1 per member. Each county council will continue to enjoy the right of self-government, although the state organization exercises control over all affiliated councils to prevent any of the groups from being taken over by radicals or trouble-makers. He stated that if any council, affiliated with the state organization, should elect officers not acceptable to the state group, the county council would then be expelled from the state organization. He further stated that the state group would control speakers who appear before meetings of the county councils. By example, he stated that [redacted] who was recently expelled from the University of Alabama, was scheduled to be a featured speaker at the county council meeting in Dothan, Alabama. The state group informed the Dothan group that [redacted] was no longer an acceptable person to appear before council meetings; therefore, the invitation to [redacted] to speak was withdrawn.

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KEITH stated that the headquarters of subject organization will be in Montgomery, Alabama, and that the office secretary will be ROSA REYNOLDS, sister of Probate County Judge BERNARD REYNOLDS of Dallas County. ALA.

KEITH furnished from memory the following councils which are active and affiliated with the state organization:

Barbour	Lee
Bibb	Lowndes
Butler	Marengo
Choctaw	Montgomery
Dallas	Perry
Escambia	Pickens
Greene	Sumter
Hale	Tuscaloosa
Houston	Wilcox

KEITH also stated on March 9, 1956, that a council had been formed in Clarke County, Alabama, on March 8, 1956, and one was being formed in Mobile, Alabama, on March 9, 1956, and that both of these councils would also become affiliated with the state organization. He stated that councils are also active in the following counties and may have now become affiliated with the state organization:

Autauga	Elmore
Bullock	Jefferson
Crenshaw	Macon
Chilton	Pike

KEITH stated that the North Alabama Citizens Council, headed by ACE CARTER, has no connection with subject state organization. He classified CARTER as a "hate monger". He stated that CARTER has claimed to have 45 or more county organizations in his group, although recently CARTER had admitted that his organization has only three groups, all in North Alabama.

In March 9, 1956, issue of SELMA TIMES JOURNAL there was contained therein a letter to the editor signed by HENRY KING, Chairman, and 4 other members of the Dallas County Citizens Council. This letter stated that the various county councils are affiliated with subject state organization. This letter criticized the North Alabama Citizens Council and stated that no one has the right to use the connotation "Citizens Council" who

subscribes to secrecy, violence, religious bigotry or personal politics. This letter stated that the only requirement for membership in the councils is to be a white law-abiding citizen.

On March 9, 1956, Mr. EUGENE ~~S.~~ HALL, Education Committee, Montgomery County Citizens Council, advised that this county council is a member of state organization. He stated that the State Constitution provides for expelling local county councils which do not act in the best interest of the state organization. He also noted that subject organization differs from the North Alabama Citizens Council in that the latter group is anti-Jewish. ALA.

The March 13, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS quoted ASA E. CARTER, North Alabama Citizens Council, as criticizing the officials of the University of Alabama for expelling [redacted] in a racial dispute. This same article quoted Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of the Executive Committee of subject organization, as commending the University of Alabama officials for expelling [redacted]. b6 b7C

An article in the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, March 14, 1956, issue, quoted Congressman FRANK BOYKIN of the First District of Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, as saying that he had already joined citizens councils in Marengo and Wilcox Counties, Alabama, and that he intended to join the council being formed in Mobile County. ALA.

On March 16, 1956, Reverend ROBERT ~~E.~~ HUGHES, State Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that he had learned subject organization intends to circulate questionnaires to all faculty members of white colleges in Alabama to ascertain their views on integration. The results reportedly will be published in order to acquaint parents of students at such colleges.

On March 19, 1956, Mr. KEITH, mentioned above, furnished a copy of the Constitution of subject organization, which is set out as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this Association is "The Citizens' Councils of Alabama". Its principal office shall be in Montgomery with such other office or offices as the Executive

Committee may designate.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

This Association is dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our communities and in our state and to the preservation of States' Rights.

ARTICLE III

RESTRICTION ON POWERS

This Association shall not endeavor to advise, instruct or control any Citizens' Council, or member thereof as to any proposed course of action. It shall not have and shall not assume any power or control of any kind over any Citizens' Council or member thereof and shall not have and shall not assume any responsibility for any act of any Citizens' Council or member thereof.

ARTICLE IV

DIRECTORS

Section 1. Each county within the State of Alabama having one or more recognized Citizens' Councils therein may from and by the membership of such Council or Councils elect one director and one alternate director of this Association to serve until his successor shall have been elected. No county shall have more than one director and one alternate director.

Section 2. The Executive Committee of this association may at its pleasure request any director, or his alternate, to be recalled; and if the Citizens' Council or Councils of the county from which he was elected fails to recall him, then the directors of this Association may by a majority vote expel him from his office of director or alternate director.

Section 3. An alternate director may vote and act as a director when the director for whom he is alternate is not present.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The directors of this Association shall elect from its membership a temporary Executive Committee to serve until their successors shall be elected as hereinafter set forth.

Section 2. The temporary Executive Committee shall divide the State of Alabama, or such part thereof as they think proper, into districts for the election of Executive Committeemen. No county may be partly in one district and partly in another.

Section 3. The directors of each district shall from among the directors in that district elect such member as the Executive Committee may designate to serve on the Executive Committee. The Committeemen so elected and the officers of this Association shall constitute the Executive Committee, and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have full power to operate and conduct the Association; to adopt by majority vote suitable by-laws for the Association, and from time to time to amend any such by-laws by majority vote; to elect the officers of this Association; and from time to time to change the boundaries of the districts provided for in Section 2 hereof and to establish new districts.

Section 5. The term "recognized Citizens' Council as used in this Constitution shall be construed to mean such Citizens' Councils in Alabama as are recognized by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may at any time in its discretion refuse to recognize any Citizens' Council or withdraw recognition from such Council. No Citizens' Council not recognized by the Executive Committee shall take part in any election herein provided for or in any activity of this Association.

Section 6. The temporary Executive Committee shall have all of the powers herein conferred upon the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Executive Committee may in its discretion incorporate this Association or cause same to be incorporated under the laws of Alabama as a non-profit corporation without stock or stock-holders.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall elect a Treasurer, an Executive Secretary and such other Executive officer as the Executive Committee determines to be necessary and proper. The only qualification for said officers is that the person so elected shall be a member in good standing of some recognized Citizens' Council in Alabama, and such person may or may not be a director or a member of the Executive Committee at the time of his election. Every officer so elected shall by virtue of his office be and become a member of the Executive Committee if he is not already a member thereof.

Section 2. All officers except the Executive Secretary and/or other executive officer or officers elected by the Executive Committee shall serve without remuneration. The Executive Secretary and/or other executive officer or officers shall have their salary fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee. All such officers shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The term of office of all officers of this Association shall be as provided in the by-laws of the Association made under the authority of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The directors shall be elected annually at such time or times as the by-laws of this Association shall provide.

Section 2. The directors shall once each year, or at such shorter intervals as the by-laws of this Association shall provide, elect members of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. A majority of the directors present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any alternate present shall in the absence of the director for whom he is alternate be considered a director.

Section 4. A majority of the Executive Committee present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of

business.

Section 5. Meetings of the directors and Executive Committee shall be held at such times and places as may be provided by the by-laws of this Association; and in addition to this, the Chairman and the Executive Secretary shall each have power to call special meetings of the directors and of the Executive Committee by giving five days written notice of the time and place of the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

DUES

Section 1. Each director shall pay such annual contributions as shall be fixed by the Association. In the event of a failure of the by-laws to provide for such contributions, then each director shall pay annual dues in the amount of $1.00 for each member of a recognized Citizens' Council within the County from which he was elected.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or changed by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the directors.

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Also on March 19, 1956, Mr. KEITH identified the members of the Executive Committee of subject organization as follows:

WALTER C. GIVHAN, Safford, Alabama
M. ALSTON KEITH, Keith & Keith, Attorneys-at-Law, P.O. Box 18, Selma, Alabama
CLAUDE D. KELLY, Atmore, Alabama
LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, Marion, Alabama
FRED HENDERSON, Miller's Ferry, Alabama
LUTHER INGALLS, [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama b6 b7C
TELFAIR MASHBURN, Bay Minette, Alabama
JEFF BEELAND, Greenville, Alabama
EARL BAILEY, Tarrant City, Alabama.

The February 18, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER had originally listed the members of the Executive Committee of subject organization, which list is identical with that furnished above by Mr. KEITH, with the exception that originally TED HAGEN of Birmingham, Alabama, was listed as a member instead of JEFF BEELAND, who was listed later by Mr. KEITH.

In the March 18, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS REGISTER, State Senator ENGELHARDT stated that the Citizens Council will solve its problems without violence, "for if we resort to violence, we will destroy the South and we must not destroy the South". In this article he was quoted as saying that by the end of 1956, subject organization expects to have 200,000 members. As of that time he stated that his organization had county councils in 32 Alabama counties. He was critical of the Supreme Court, stating, "We will never give in to the sociological theories of the Supreme Court".

The March 21, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER quoted ENGELHARDT to the effect that questionnaires had been sent out by subject organization to candidates in the May 1st Democratic Primary, which specifically asked whether they would join such an organization and also asked each candidate, "do you here and now deny the Negro vote?" He stated the answer given by the candidate will be made available to the public when most of the answers to the questionnaires have been received.

On March 20, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH advised SA JOHN P. BRADY that subject organization had not incorporated and probably would not incorporate.

On April 4, 1956, Mr. KEITH advised SA BRADY that there are now 62 county councils affiliated with subject organization throughout the State of Alabama, which county councils have been approved by the state organization and have accepted the State Constitution. He said that he would later furnish the list of these councils with the Chairman of each.

KEITH stated on April 4, 1956, that originally his group opposed to having [redacted] speak at meetings of the organization because of some of his radical statements. KEITH stated, however, that while [redacted] is still considered a bit too radical, he does have a considerable following throughout the state for which reason the subject organization is trying to control [redacted] and to channel his activities into a more reasonable approach, and will, therefore, allow [redacted] to speak at

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certain county council meetings.

KEITH advised that a group of southern states were planning to form a national organization of Citizens Councils to exchange ideas, to encourage a closer working relationship between the various state movements and to co-ordinate their activities. He stated that he would be one of the delegates to attend a meeting in this regard in New Orleans, Louisiana, in the near future.

The April 8, 1956, issue of the TIMES PICAYUNE, daily newspaper published at New Orleans, Louisiana, reflects that on Saturday, April 7, 1956, delegates from 11 southern states met in New Orleans and formed the Citizens Councils of America. Officers were not announced and delegates were not listed, although the following states were represented:

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Alabama	Mississippi
Arkansas	North Carolina
Florida	South Carolina
Georgia	Tennessee
Louisiana	Texas

Virginia

This article stated that "This organization is formed to preserve the reserved natural rights of the people of the states, including primarily the separation of the races in our schools and all our institutions involving personal and social relations and the maintenance of the rights of the states to regulate public health, morals, marriage, education, peace and good order in the states, under the Constitution of the United States".

On April 5, 1956, Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, referred to above as State Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Montgomery, Alabama, advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted], Wellesley College, Massachusetts, had been preparing a paper on the Citizens Councils and in this connection had interviewed LUTHER INGALLS, [redacted], Montgomery, who is active in subject organization. HUGHES stated that Miss [redacted] related that INGALLS had stated that the Citizens Council of Mississippi is the source of publications which are distributed by the Citizens Councils of Alabama.

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AUTAUGA COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

On March 20, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of

the Executive Committee of subject organization, advised SA JOHN P. BRADY that that night he would address a meeting of the Autauga County Citizens Council, Prattville, Alabama.

The March 21, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported KEITH spoke to more than 200 persons in the Autauga County High School Auditorium on March 20, 1956. In this article KEITH is reported to have reaffirmed the stand of subject organization against violence. This article reported the Autauga County Citizens Council to be a member of subject organization and reported that BILL GAINES of Autaugaville, presided at the meeting. KEITH was introduced by Prattville Attorney GEORGE TAYLOR. Other officers of the county council were identified in this article as W. P. JONES of Mulberry - Vice-President, and JAMES GOLSON of Independence Community - Secretary-Treasurer. ALA.

BALDWIN COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

The March 11, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS REGISTER reflected that the Baldwin County Citizens Council was organized on the night of March 9, 1956, at Robertsdale, Alabama. BEN TEW, retired school teacher at Atmore, Alabama, was the principal speaker, saying, "segregation prevents sudden animosities; it enables people to live near each other without mixing". Other speakers at this meeting were listed in this newspaper article as CLAUDE KELLY, ORIS DAVIS and BOB ANDERSON, all of Atmore. TELFAIR MASHBURN, Bay Minette Attorney and former Circuit Judge, was chosen Temporary Chairman. Committee members were identified in this article as ROBERT R. NAHRGANG, Fairhope, Alabama; BILL ANDERSON and BUDDY PITTS, Foley, Alabama; PAUL CHILDRESS, Loxley, Alabama; BILL WINGO and LONNIE BAGGET, Robertsdale, Alabama; ALTON and ELZIE HANKINS, Rosinton, Alabama; FRY JOHNSON, Silverhill, Alabama; JOHN R. UNDERWOOD, Magnolia Springs, Alabama, and NICK GRABLEDINGER, Elberta, Alabama. ALA. ALTON HANKINS

The March 16, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER reflected the meeting of the Baldwin County Citizens Council would be held at the Coliseum on March 23, 1956, at Robertsdale, Alabama. I. V. SIMMONS, Citizens Council leader in Mississippi, was scheduled to be principal speaker. This article reported that TELFAIR MASHBURN, Bay Minette, Alabama, stated that the purpose of the council would be to maintain segregation and to promote a better understanding between the races.

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News releases reflect formation state organization 2/17/56, with headquarters in Montgomery, Ala. Chairman - Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Tarrant City druggist; Executive Secretary - SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., State Senator, Macon County, Alabama. Executive Committee members identified as WALTER C. GIVHAN, M. ALSTON KEITH, CLAUDE D. KELLY, LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, FRED HENDERSON, LUTHER INGALLS, TELFAIR MASHBURN, TED HAGEN and EARL BAILEY. List of committee members obtained 3/19/56, identical except TED HAGEN deleted and JEFF BEELAND added. Constitution states, "dedicated to the maintenance of peace, good order and domestic tranquility in our communities and in our state and to the preservation of States' Rights". In speeches officials critical of Supreme Court desegregation ruling, but state that organization aims to maintain segregation by legal and peaceful means. Information set out concerning 25 county councils reported as active in Mobile Division. SAM M. ENGELHARDT, in speech 3/17/56, quoted as saying that by end of 1956, would have 200,000 members. News release, 4/8/56, reports organization affiliated with "The Citizens Councils of America", organized New Orleans, La. by representatives of 11 Southern states.

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BARBOUR COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL - ALA.

The February 25, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reflected that the Barbour County Citizens Council was organized at Clayton, Alabama, on the night of February 24, 1956, at a meeting at which 300 persons became members. The article noted that Negroes outnumbered the Whites in Barbour County. According to the article, Probate Judge MARSHALL WILLIAMS acted as temporary presiding officer and ARTHUR MARTIN of Clayton, Alabama, was elected as Temporary Chairman of the group. ALA.

The February 29, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that the next meeting of the Barbour County Citizens Council would be on March 9, 1956, and that Governor MARVIN GRIFFIN of Georgia would be the principal speaker. Probate Judge WILLIAMS was quoted as saying that the county council would remain clear of politics and that later on Negroes would be invited to attend meetings, as the purpose of the organization is to maintain segregation and promote good will between the races. GA. ALA.

The March 11, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that an estimated 4500 persons attended the March 9th meeting of the Barbour County Citizens Council at Clayton, Alabama. Georgia Governor MARVIN GRIFFIN was quoted as saying that "a great manifestation of public opinion .... can win the South's fight to maintain segregation". He charged the U. S. Supreme Court with usurping power that did not belong to it. GRIFFIN was quoted as saying that the U.S. Supreme Court Justices were "vagabonds who went off and got authorities in sociology, psychology and anthropology" in banning segregation. ALA.

The March 10, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER gave a similar report on the March 9th meeting and also listed the other officers of the Barbour County Citizens Council in addition to ARTHUR C. MARTIN, Chairman. These persons were identified as: T. J. WILLIAMS, Bakerhill, Alabama - Co-Chairman; RICHARD SENN, Clayton, Alabama - Treasurer; CLARENCE MILDRUM, Clayton, Alabama - Acting Secretary.

BULLOCK COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

The February 23, 1956, issue of the UNION SPRINGS HERALD, weekly newspaper published at Union Springs, Alabama, reported that the original meeting of the Bullock County Citizens Council was held at the Inverness High School on the night of

February 16, 1956. The paper reported 300 persons were in attendance and that approximately 100 became members of the organization. State Senator ALBERT DAVIS of Aliceville, Alabama, was principal speaker, and was critical of the Supreme Court de-segregation ruling. He was also critical of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and in urging support for the citizens council, stated, "we can either choose segregation or amalgamation".

The March 22, 1956, issue of the UNION SPRINGS HERALD reported that another meeting of the Bullock County Citizens Council would be held in Union Springs on March 26, 1956, stating that previous meetings had been held at Inverness, Midway, Corinth and Tanyard, Alabama. The only officer of this council listed was Representative BRYANT McLENDON, Secretary. [redacted] was listed as the principal speaker for the scheduled meeting on March 26, 1956. b6 b7C

BUTLER COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

On February 13, 1956, Chief of Police L. E. TOWERY, Greenville, Alabama, reported to Special Agent JULE R. HERBERT that the Butler County Citizens Council had held several recent meetings, having been organized by Mr. JEFF P. BEELAND, who is Temporary Chairman of the group. He stated that BEELAND is a member of one of the leading families in the county and has an excellent reputation. TOWERY stated that BEELAND had announced the group would operate entirely within the law.

The February 28, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the Butler County Citizens Council held a meeting at the Greenville Community House, Greenville, Alabama, on the night of February 24, 1956. The Chairman of the group was JEFF P. BEELAND, SR. The County Constitution was amended at this meeting to permit the county organization to become affiliated with the state organization. The article reported that many new members enrolled, but gave no further report on the meeting.

CENTRAL ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

Previous information has been reported concerning the Central Alabama Citizens Council, also known as Montgomery County Citizens Council.

The February 29, 1956, issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL reported that the name of the Central Alabama Citizens Council

had been changed to the Montgomery County Citizens Council. State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT was quoted in this article as saying that the Central Alabama Citizens Council had existed to encourage formation of county-level councils and now that such groups have been organized on a county level throughout Central Alabama, the Central Alabama Citizens Council no longer exists.

On April 5, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, State Committee member of subject organization, advised SA JOHN P. BRADY that the Central Alabama Citizens Council is no longer in existence and that the Montgomery County Citizens Council occupies the space previously used by the Central Alabama Citizens Council.

X CHILTON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

On March 9, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of the State Committee of subject organization, advised SA BRADY that among the counties wherein a citizens council is active is Chilton County. No information was available concerning the officers or activity of the Chilton County Citizens Council, but Mr. KEITH advised that he believed that the Chilton County Council has now affiliated with the state organization.

X CHOCTAW COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

On March 9, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of State Committee of subject organization, advised SA BRADY that among the counties wherein a citizens council is active is Choctaw County. No information was available concerning officers or activity of the Choctaw County Citizens Council, but Mr. KEITH advised that he believed the Choctaw County Council has now affiliated with the state organization.

X CLARKE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

On March 9, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, State Committee member of subject organization, advised SA BRADY that among the counties wherein a citizens council is active is Clarke County. No information was available concerning officers or activity of the Clarke County Citizens Council, but Mr. KEITH advised that he believed the Clarke County Council has now affiliated with the state organization.

X CRENSHAW COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

The February 15, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that an estimated crowd of 1000 met in

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Luverne, Alabama, the past week to organize the Crenshaw County Citizens Council. Principal speakers at the original meeting were State Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of the state organization, and LUTHER INGALLS, [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama. Mayor FRANK SIKES welcomed the speakers and ALTON TURNER, [redacted], was selected Temporary Chairman of the group. The article carried no further information concerning this meeting.

The March 8, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that a crowd of approximately 400 attended a meeting of the Crenshaw County Citizens Council at Luverne on the night of March 7, 1956. ALTON TURNER, [redacted], was elected Chairman. No other officers were listed in the article. Speaker, in addition to TURNER, was CLYDE SELLERS, Police Commissioner, Montgomery, Alabama. Luverne Mayor FRANK SIKES also spoke and declared that nothing less than 100% segregation will ever be accepted in Crenshaw County.

DALLAS COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

The January 4, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that the Dallas County Citizens Council would meet at Selma on the night of January 5, 1956. HENRY KING, the new chairman, reported that meetings would be held every 2 months.

The SELMA TIMES JOURNAL, on January 6, 1956, reported that approximately 1100 persons had attended the meeting held at Selma on January 5, 1956. Principal speakers at the meeting were [redacted], Hot Springs, Arkansas, [redacted], and [redacted], Crossett, Arkansas, [redacted]. According to the news report, [redacted] ridiculed the Supreme Court's decision on segregation as "illegal and treasonable". [redacted] was quoted as saying the real goal of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is amalgamation of the races.

An advertisement appearing in the January 2, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL called for additional members of this organization, requesting that $3 annual membership fee be forwarded to the Dallas County Citizens Council, 2196 Water Avenue, Selma, Alabama.

The February 15, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that HENRY KING announced on that date that at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the County Council it had been decided to open the door to membership in the council

to women. He added that membership in the council now exceeded 2000 and this group now influences more than 50% of the vote in the county. KING also announced that membership in the council was in no way a violation of the Hatch Act or any other act in regard to employees of Civil Service.

The February 27, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that [redacted] of Local 240, Selma Lodge of the Brotherhood of Railway Car Men of America, refused, on behalf of his lodge, to contribute to the Railway Labor's Political League without a "direct pledge that its contribution will not be used to further de-segregation efforts". [redacted] made this statement in a letter to [redacted] of the League in Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] deplored the action of the CIO in contributing $75,000 to the NAACP and he denounced the attack GEORGE MEANY and other labor leaders had made on the students of the University of Alabama. [redacted] also defended the Citizens Council and pointed out, "our entire membership (Local 240) are members of the Citizens Council of Dallas County. We hold positions on the Executive Committee of the Council, attend all of its meetings and are thoroughly familiar with its objectives and methods. They are entirely peaceable and legal, and to the best interests of us all, individually and collectively".

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The March 4, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that HENRY KING, Chairman of the Council, announced on that date that a council meeting would be held at the Selma Junior High School on March 8, 1956. He added that dues had been increased to $4, which includes the membership fee for belonging to the state organization.

The MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, on March 9, 1956, reported on a meeting of the Dallas County Citizens Council, reportedly attended by 1800 persons. The main speaker was Senator JIM JOHNSON of the State of Arkansas, who charged that politicians were "prostituting themselves for the 10% Negro vote".

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The March 9, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL also reported on this March 8th meeting and quoted Senator JOHNSON as accusing the U.S. Supreme Court of playing politics in the de-segregation ruling. Also speaking at the March 8th meeting was Dr. HENRY W. FANCHER, retired Baptist minister, who stated that the Bible teaches segregation. A report made at this meeting placed the membership of the Dallas County Council at 2515.

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ELMORE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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The March 1, 1956, issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL reported that the Elmore County Citizens Council had been organized at Wetumpka, Alabama, on the night of February 29, 1956, officers being named as: GLENN CURLEE, Wetumpka, Alabama - Chairman; JOHN ED RICHARDS, Tallassee, Alabama - Vice-Chairman; CHRISTIAN WINGARD, Court Clerk in Wetumpka, Alabama - Secretary and EDWARD ENSLIN, Wetumpka, Alabama - Treasurer. This article identified CURLEE as Circuit Solicitor for the 19th Judicial Circuit and reported that about 200 persons were in attendance at this unpublicized meeting. No details of the meeting were given.

On March 6, 1956, when contacted by Special Agent [redacted] on another matter, CURLEE brought up the formation of the Elmore County Citizens Council and stated that he had accepted the chairmanship of the council because he knew that there were undesirable persons in the county who would like to have been chairman and who possibly would have given faulty and improper leadership to the group. He said he accepted the chairmanship for the purpose of leading the organization in as straight a path as possible.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

ALA.

The February 7, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that 800 persons were in attendance at the organizational meeting of the Escambia County Citizens Council in Flomaton, Alabama, on the night of February 6, 1956. State Senator WALTER GIVHAN of Dallas County was the principal speaker and was quoted as saying that there are approximately 40,000 citizens council members in the state. The article reported that J. ROBIN SWIFT, former U.S. Senator and former Alabama Senator, was elected Chairman, SWIFT being a retired Atmore, Alabama, lumber man.

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On March 6, 1956, Chief of Police JESSIE TULLIS, Flomaton, Alabama, volunteered to SA JULE R. HERBERT that there had been from 500 to 800 persons present at the organizational meeting of this county group on February 6, 1956. He stated that ERNEST JACKSON, [redacted] at Flomaton, Alabama, was elected Secretary of the group, and approximately 200 people reportedly joined the organization at the organizational meeting.

HALE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

ALA.

The March 6, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL

reported that a meeting of the Hale County Citizens Council was held in the high school auditorium at Greensboro, Alabama, on March 5, 1956, which was attended by an over-flow audience of approximately 600. Speakers at this meeting were listed as Senator JAMES COLEMAN, JR., Eutaw, Alabama; JOHN WHITLEY, Tarrant City, Alabama, President of the State Citizens Council; P. A. TUTWILER, Greensboro, Alabama, Chairman of the Hale County Council and [redacted], Student, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The council went on record to affiliate with the state organization and resolutions were adopted to (1) urge the legislature of Hale County to see that sufficient taxes are passed to build and maintain schools in Hale County, and (2) to urge that the Constitution be amended to abolish public schools in Hale County if necessary to avoid integration.

HENRY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL - ALA.

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The February 24, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that the Henry County Citizens Council would be organized permanently next month. The article reported that a temporary organizational meeting had been held (no exact date given) and that about 150 persons had attended. WILSON HOLMAN, [redacted], was elected Temporary President; Mr. M. W. ESPY, JR., Secretary and H. G. HAWKINS, Treasurer. Permanent officers were to be elected at the March meeting, which, according to this article, was scheduled to be held in the Union School near Abbeville, Alabama.

The March 8, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that the Henry County Council had been formally organized at a meeting on the night of March 7, 1956. GROVER W. RAY, former Headland, Alabama, Mayor, was selected as permanent chairman. Other officers listed in this article were: District Vice-Chairmen WILSON R. HOLMAN, Headland, Alabama; RALPH CHAMBERS, Haleburg, Alabama; LOUIE CORBITT, Abbeville, Alabama, and LOUIE WEED, no address given. Directors - H. G. HAMBY; FRANK SLOCOMB; DEWEY SHELLEY; WILLIE SHELLEY; H. V. GRANBERRY; CLAUDE WILLIAMS; ALBERT SCOTT; GEORGE PENUEL; BILL HERRING; JAMES EARL MOBLEY; JESS JOHNSON; MARVIN MURPHY; YANCEY TAYLOR; LLOYD GRIFFIN; HARMON BLANKENSHIP; TAYLOR TRAWICK; J. T. VICKERS; W. R. MILLS; HOWARD BLAND; CLYDE MATHISON; ROBERT BRYANT; LUTHER SMITH; CLARENCE LIPSCOMB; J. G. MATHISON; JIM SOWELL; ALBERT LINN; W. O. PALMER and DOYLE WHITE.

Principal speakers at this meeting were Retired Admiral JOHN CROMMELIN, who is a candidate for the U. S. Senate

and SAM M. ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization. Admiral CROMMELIN was quoted as saying, "An alien breed is trying to take our country away from us. We are fighting one of the best organized and highly financed organizations the world has ever known - the Communist Party". ENGELHARDT declared that "White Citizens Councils will obliterate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People". Also speaking at this meeting was Circuit Judge GEORGE WALLACE, Clayton, Alabama, who confined his remarks to attacking the federal "encroachment on the rights of the states".

On March 9, 1956, Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Special Agent JOHN W. LILL, JR., that he had attended the meeting of the Henry County Citizens Council on March 7, 1956. He stated the meeting was very orderly except for a few remarks by a Mr. MAJOR W. ESPY, JR., Headland, Alabama, which remarks appeared to have been made for the sole purpose of inflaming the group. Informant T-1 stated that he saw no indication of any Ku Klux Klan influence at this meeting and that GROVER W. RAY, Chairman of the group, is a very level-headed and highly respected businessman who would not allow any radical element to take charge of the group. Informant stated that this group had adopted a Constitution which states that the object of the group is to promote good feeling between the colored and white people and to maintain, protect and preserve the superiority of the white race as now provided by law and as sanctioned by our usages, customs, training and tradition by legal and peaceful means.

HOUSTON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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The March 1, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported that the Houston County Citizens Council had been organized in Dothan on the night of February 29, 1956, by approximately 35 persons who met at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. The article identified B. W. CONNELL as Temporary Chairman; JOHN W. RISH, Temporary Vice-Chairman and C. W. JOHNSON, Temporary Secretary-Treasurer. This news article described JOHNSON as a [redacted] and as having formerly been [redacted] of the old Ku Klux Klan. The article announced plans for a mass meeting to be held March 9, 1956, in Dothan. b6 b7C

The March 11, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported on a meeting of this group held at Dothan on March 9, 1956. The principal speaker was [redacted] of a pro-segregation magazine "The Arkansas Faith". [redacted] was quoted as

urging the audience to defy the U.S. Supreme Court, saying, "it is not the supreme law of the land. You sitting right here tonight are the supreme law of the land". Also speaking at this meeting was LUTHER INGALLS, [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, who was quoted as accusing the NAACP of subversive tendencies.

This article also reported that Sheriff ALVIN D. DAVIS, JR. had told newsmen that the Sheriff's Department would join the county organization 100% and that an amendment was approved to the county organization Constitution permitting law enforcement officers to join. This article identified the county Executive Board members as REUBEN WRIGHT, Ashford, Alabama; JACK STUCKEY, Midland City, Alabama; FOREST FIELD, Columbia, Alabama; WILLIE LEWIS, Cottonwood, Alabama, and nine men from Dothan, Alabama - WALLACE D. MALONE, JOE JOHNSON, P. C. WHITE, SAM STEPHENS, W. O. STEWART, JIMMIE JONES, F. G. NORTHCUTT, Dr. F. B. EDWARDS and W. M. RAY.

Informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported to SA JOHN W. LILL, JR. that he had attended the March 9, 1956, meeting of the Houston County Council. He stated that the leaders of the county group had assured him that the aims and purposes of the group were to preserve segregation and promote friendly relations between white and Negro people. Informant stated these persons have urged only legal action. He stated the meeting had been very orderly and he described the officers of the group as being level-headed and well respected citizens of the county.

Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported to SA JOHN W. LILL, JR. on March 12, 1956, that the officers of the Houston County Citizens Council were selected with great care to see that only highly respected citizens had any voice or control in the organization. He stated that the county council Constitution allows a member to be removed by the County Executive Committee for cause without a vote of the membership. This was provided for in order that undesirable members could be weeded out by the committee without depending upon the entire membership to vote them out. T-3 advised that [redacted] and [redacted], 2 prominent Negro leaders in Dothan, Alabama, had been shown the Houston County Citizens Council Constitution and had been assured that the group was sincere in trying to promote good will between the Negro and white races.

The April 8, 1956, issue of the DOTHAN EAGLE reported on the meeting of the Houston County Citizens Council

held at Dothan on the night of April 6, 1956. U. S. Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS of Mississippi was the principal speaker. The article reported that WILLIAMS leveled repeated blasts at the U.S. Supreme Court and the "northern press" during his hour long address. Congressman WILLIAMS was reported as saying the U.S. Supreme Court "tore the heart out of the Constitution with its Black Monday decision May 17, 1954, which ordered integration in public schools".

LEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

The March 7, 1956, issue of the OPELIKA DAILY NEWS reported that the Lee County Citizens Council had been organized in Auburn, Alabama, on the night of March 6, 1956, with Colonel O. P. LEE, [redacted], being named Temporary Chairman. Mrs. LUCY PITTS GRAFFRENRIED was named Acting Secretary-Treasurer. The article reflected that this organization would be affiliated with the state organization with headquarters in Montgomery.

On March 9, 1956, Chief of Police FLOYD H. MANN, Opelika, Alabama, advised Special Agent [redacted] that RUFUS TODD, [redacted], Opelika, had assisted Colonel O.P. LEE in starting the Lee County Citizens Council. Chief MANN stated that RUFUS TODD had been active in the Ku Klux Klan in Lee County when the KKK existed several years ago.

The March 20, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the first open meeting of the Lee County Council was held at Opelika, Alabama, on the night of March 19, 1956. [redacted] of the Augusta, Georgia, Chronical, was the principal speaker and was quoted as saying, "moderation and patience mean the end of segregation in the South". This article identified ZEBULON JUDD as Chairman of the Lee County Council, JUDD being [redacted], Auburn, Alabama. SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization, was also a speaker and cautioned, "we must have no violence".

The March 20, 1956, issue of the OPELIKA DAILY NEWS announced the identities of the members of the Board of Directors of the Lee County Council as: EDWARD M. JONES, SR., Opelika, Alabama; GENE D. HURT, Auburn, Alabama; J. H. PITTS, Auburn; G. T. SHARMAN, Beulah, Alabama; W. K. COFIELD, Beulah; MILLIGAN EARNEST, Auburn; ALBERT CARTER, Opelika; FRANK WELLS, Auburn; W. M. MAYBERRY, Waverly, Alabama; H. M. MAYFIELD, Waverly; JIM WARD, Loachapoka, Alabama; A. R. WILLIAMS, JR., Loachapoka; T. A.

WHATLEY, Beauregard, Alabama; W. L. JENKINS, Beauregard; L. H. PARKMAN, Salem, Alabama; M. D. STILLWELL, Salem; JACK CLEGG, Opelika; W. O. BAKER, Opelika; Dr. W. L. INGRAM, Marvin, Alabama; Dr. M. E. MEADOWS, Smiths, Alabama; CLAYTON NEWMAN, Bleeker, Alabama; D. O. BURDETTE, Bartlett's Ferry, Alabama; FRED STROUD, Bleeker; ALBERT J. KENFINGER, Beulah, and J. V. JINRIGHT, Opelika.

The above article also named Mayor EALON LAMBERT, Opelika, Alabama, as a Vice-Chairman of the Lee County Citizens Council.

LOWNDES COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

The February 17, 1956, issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL announced that a membership rally of the Lowndes County Citizens Council would be held at Hayneville, Alabama, on the night of February 17, 1956. The article listed the officers of the Lowndes County Council as J. A. TILL, President; DID SULLIVAN, ROBERT REEVES, L. G. RAMBO, J. P. CAFFEY, CLIFF CHANCE, Vice-Presidents and SNOW DAVIS, Secretary-Treasurer. TILL was quoted as saying the council had a membership of 200, but he expected to triple that figure at the membership meeting that night.

The February 18, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the Lowndes County Citizens Council had held a meeting the previous night at which meeting ROBERT B. PATTERSON, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Citizens Councils was the main speaker. PATTERSON was quoted as saying, "Vice-President RICHARD NIXON this week admitted in a speech the GOP and this administration helped bring about the Black Monday decision. The whole thing is dirty politics. They have no interest in the Negro welfare or concern for the white children of the South". This article reflected that the members voted to admit women to the organization and identified the following men as members of the Executive Committee of the County Council: E. R. MEADOWS, O. D. WOODRUFF, WALTER BOZEMAN, W. E. RAHN, J. B. CROOK, MONTIE WHEELER, FORREST WATERS, B. R. FREDERICK, WILLIE PAYNE, W. E. COLVARD and G. P. McPHARSON, SR. The next meeting of this group was scheduled for March 9, 1956, at Fort Deposit, Alabama.

Informant T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning Ku Klux Klan activities in Lowndes County, Alabama, advised SA [redacted] on February 18, 1956, and February 23, 1956, that he is a member of the Lowndes County Citizens Council. He stated he had not been in attendance at the meeting on February 17, 1956, but had received information from

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other persons concerning the meeting. He stated that there were approximately 400 members in the county council, which membership consisted largely of "higher type" people of the county. T-4 stated that most of the former members of the old KKK group, which existed in Lowndes County around 1950, have joined the Lowndes County Citizens Council. He stated that at meetings of the county council no violence has been urged, although he has heard individual members make statements advocating violence, if necessary. He stated that the county council had voted not to allow police officers to join in order to avoid any possible embarrassment where police officers might have to take the stand in court and testify concerning racial matters. Informant stated that some members of the county council have suggested that pressure be put on the Negro people to get them to leave Lowndes County as one possible solution to the problem.

Informant T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Mr. J. A. TILL, Chairman of the Lowndes County Citizens Council, had reportedly stated that any teacher in Lowndes County who is observed or reported as attending meetings of the NAACP and any teacher reported as favoring integration of the races in public schools will be discharged from their jobs.

MACON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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On February 10, 1956, PRESTON HORNSBY, Sheriff of Macon County, Alabama, advised Special Agent CHILTON B. CREASON that he knew of no Macon County Citizens Council in existence, although there had been talk of organizing a county council.

The March 13, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS reported that Representative JAMES MORROW of the Mississippi State Legislature had accepted an invitation to be featured speaker at a meeting of the Macon County Citizens Council to be held on the night of March 13, 1956. MORROW was described as an outspoken segregationalist. ALA.

The March 14, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the Macon County Citizens Council had met at Notasulga, Alabama, the previous night. Representative JAMES MORROW of the Mississippi Legislature was the principal speaker and was particularly critical of ministers in the South who "suddenly decided that segregation was ungodly and unchristian." Also speaking was State Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization.

The April 4, 1956, issue of the MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER reported that the Macon County Citizens Council held a meeting on the night of April 3, 1956, at Tuskegee, Alabama, at which meeting the speakers were ZEBULON JUDD, Chairman of the neighboring Lee County Citizens Council, and SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization. JUDD had blamed the unrest in the South on outside agitators. E. P. LIVINGSTON of Notasulga was described as Chairman of the Macon County Council. DAN CLEMENTS, [redacted] of Notasulga High School, introduced the speakers. b6 b7C

MARENGO COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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The March 9, 1956, issue of the SELMA TIMES JOURNAL reported that a meeting of the Marengo County Citizens Council was scheduled for 7:30 p.m., March 12, 1956, at Demopolis, Alabama.

The March 13, 1956, issue of the TUSCALOOSA NEWS reported that approximately 500 people attended a meeting of the Marengo County Citizens Council at Demopolis the previous night. OLIN HORTON, President of the American States Rights Association, was one of the speakers and was reported as urging parents to inquire into schools to see what is being taught to determine if students are being brain-washed on the subject of segregation. Also on the speakers' program were M. ALSTON KEITH, Selma, Alabama, Attorney; THOMAS MILLER, Chairman of the Marengo County Citizens Council, and State Senator JAMES COLEMAN, Eutaw, Alabama. The article identified Reverend CLAUDE HAYGOOD as a member of the Board of Directors of the county council and reported that the speakers showed no effort to arouse the crowd to prejudice, but appealed for lawful and legal deliberations. ALA.

MOBILE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL

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The February 25, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS reported the organizational meeting of the Mobile County Citizens Council was held near Mobile, Alabama, on the night of February 24, 1956. JOHN C. McFERRIN of Tillman's Corner, conducted the meeting, at which JOHN A. DUPONT was elected Chairman; JUNIOR HOUSTON, Treasurer; JOE A. AWAIT, Secretary, and McFERRIN, Vice-Chairman. Chairman DUPONT was reported as saying the Mobile County group is affiliated with the state organization in Montgomery, Alabama, and the group is pledged to work to preserve segregation and work for harmony between the races, and to settle differences without violence. ALA.

The March 3, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER reported that approximately 1000 persons attended the second meeting of the Mobile County Citizens Council held at St. Elmo, Alabama, on the night of March 2, 1956. Membership in the Mobile County Council was reported at approximately 200. Principal speakers at the meeting were identified as JOE M. BONNER, [redacted] Wilcox County, Alabama; JOHN L. MOORE, [redacted] and TOM GEARY, [redacted]. Temporary office of the county council was reported as established at the McConnell-Houston Store, Tillman's Corner.

The March 8, 1956, issue of the MOBILE REGISTER reported that approximately 300 persons had attended a meeting of the Mobile County Council held at Prichard, Alabama, on the night of March 7, 1956. Speakers at the meeting were T. CHRONIS, [redacted] who stated the time has come for men to stand up and be counted on their stand on segregation, and MARION FARNELL, [redacted], who pointed out that integration in schools is only a stepping-stone to integration of the races. This news article also reflected that JOHN C. McFERRIN, who presided over the meeting, also spoke and stated, "our fight is not with the Negro, but with the NAACP".

[redacted] On March 15, 1956, FATHER A. S. FOLEY, [redacted], Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama, reported that there had also been a county council meeting in Mobile at the Shrine Auditorium on the night of March 9, 1956, at which meeting M. ALSTON KEITH, Selma, Alabama, Attorney, was the principal speaker. FATHER FOLEY reported several of his students at the college had attended this meeting on March 9, 1956, at the request of FATHER FOLEY. He reported that his students had stated that KEITH was critical of the NAACP and advocated the use of economic pressure against enemies of the white race. He stated that it was announced at this meeting that the Mobile County Citizens Council would pattern its Constitution after the Dallas County Council Constitution and would affiliate with the state organization with headquarters in Montgomery.

The March 18, 1956, issue of the MOBILE PRESS REGISTER reported on a meeting the previous night of the Mobile County Council held at the Carpenters Hall in Mobile. SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization, was the principal speaker and criticized men in high places in Alabama for not taking a definite stand on segregation and criticized the U.S. Supreme Court for defying the 10th Amendment. This article reported that ENGELHARDT stated, "There will be no

racial peace until we destroy the NAACP", but that "aims of the citizens council are going to be achieved by peaceful and legal means." This article reflected that the Mobile County Council had affiliated with the state organization in Montgomery.

Informant T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning Ku Klux Klan activity in the Mobile County area, advised on February 28, 1956, and March 2, 1956, that he did not participate in the activity of the Mobile County Citizens Council. He stated that he has been in contact with persons who were formerly active in the KKK in Mobile County in 1950, but that none of these members have been active in the citizens council. He stated that of the officers of the Mobile County Council, as listed in Mobile papers, only 1 was ever connected with the KKK in Mobile County. Informant identified this man as JUNIOR HOUSTON who [redacted], and who is mentioned above as Treasurer of the Mobile County Citizens Council. Informant stated that HOUSTON was a member of the St. Elmo Klavern of the Federated Ku Klux Klan for a few months during 1949, but was never an active member of the KKK. He stated that HOUSTON is not a "rabble-rouser" or a "trouble-maker."

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

It is noted that previous activity of the citizens council in Montgomery, Alabama, was reported under the caption Central Alabama Citizens Council, also known as Montgomery County Citizens Council.

The February 29, 1956, issue of the ALABAMA JOURNAL reported that the name of the Central Alabama Citizens Council had been changed to the Montgomery County Citizens Council. This article also reported that approximately 3000 persons had attended a closed citizens council meeting in Montgomery on February 28, 1956. At this meeting a resolution was drawn up commending the Montgomery County Grand Jury which indicted 100 Negroes for violating Alabama's anti-boycott law in their protest against racial segregation.

On April 5, 1956, Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, State Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Montgomery, furnished to SA [redacted] a letter signed Montgomery County Citizens Council and dated March 20, 1956, enclosing a copy of an alleged speech made by [redacted] in December, 1954, in Mississippi. This literature alleges that [redacted]

[redacted] is a Negro high in the councils of the NAACP. In this reported speech of [redacted], he is represented as making statements concerning the superiority of the Negro race over the white people and demanding that inter-racial prohibitions be abolished and that the Negro is demanding the right to marry a member of the white race "if we can find one fit to marry".

Also furnished by Reverend HUGHES was a resolution urging the State Legislature to set up an un-American investigations committee, and urging persons to write to the President, Congressmen and other public officials pointing out opposition to race mixing and upholding the Southern way of life.

Reverend HUGHES stated that he had obtained the above document from Mrs. [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, on March 28, 1956. It is noted that the enclosure listed the officials of the Montgomery County Citizens Council as follows: SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Chairman; W. T. JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman; EDNA ALEXANDER, Secretary; J. S. KELLY, Treasurer; LUTHER INGALLS (General Counsel), WARREN MARSHALL, WALTER MURSE, TRAVIS WILLIAMS, K. G. INGLE, RUSSELL CARTER, EUGENE S. HALL, L. B. DINKINS, L. R. JOHNSON, JACK S. RILEY, B. A. PARSON, J. R. SYFRETT, JOHN C. CANTEY, WEBSTER BOZEMAN, FOREMAN ROGERS and LLEWELLEN DUGGAR, Directors.

Reverend HUGHES also furnished on April 5, 1956, a copy of a leaflet, "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" which is quoted as follows:

> "When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.
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> "We hold these truths to be self evident that all whites are created equal with certain rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of dead niggers.
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> "In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black slimy, juicy, unbearably stinking niggers. The conduct should not be dwelt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of pigmies, head hunters and snot suckers.
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> "My friends it is time we wised up to these black devils. I tell you they are a group of two

legged agitators who persist in walking up and down our streets protruding their black lips. If we don't stop helping these African flesh eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

"LET'S GET ON THE BALL WHITE CITIZENS

"The Book 'Declaration of Segregation' will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you be sure to read the book.

"NOTE: The above is a copy of handbills circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting at the State Coliseum Friday night February 10, 1956."

HUGHES stated that this leaflet was furnished to him by [redacted], Negro, [redacted], Mobile, Alabama. It is noted that the leaflet indicates it was distributed at a citizens council meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, on February 10, 1956. Reverend HUGHES stated that he, himself, had attended this meeting and had not seen any indication that this leaflet had, in fact, been distributed at that meeting. b6 b7C

In this connection it is noted that on February 20, 1956, a copy of this same leaflet had been furnished by Sheriff PRESTON HORNSBY, Macon County, Alabama, at Tuskegee, to SA CHILTON B. CREASON. Sheriff HORNSBY advised that this leaflet had been received through the mail on February 18, 1956, by SAM ENGELHARDT, JR., Executive Secretary of the state organization. Envelope was postmarked Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. According to Sheriff HORNSBY, ENGELHARDT had stated that he had no knowledge of such leaflet having been distributed at the citizens council meeting at Montgomery on February 10, 1956, or at any other meeting. HORNSBY stated that persons in attendance at that meeting could furnish no information that this leaflet was actually so distributed. HORNSBY expressed the opinion that the leaflet was drawn up by colored persons for inflammatory purposes.

PERRY COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

On March 9, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of the Executive Committee of subject organization, furnished to SA JOHN P. BRADY a list of counties wherein citizens councils are active and affiliated with THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA with headquarters in Montgomery. Perry County is included in

this list, although no other information is available concerning activity of the council in Perry County.

PIKE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL - ALA.

On March 9, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of the Executive Committee of subject organization, furnished to SA BRADY a list of counties wherein citizens councils are active and believed to be affiliated with THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA with headquarters in Montgomery. Pike County is included in this list, although no further information is available concerning council activity in Pike County.

RUSSELL COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA.

The COLUMBUS ENQUIRER, issue of March 23, 1956, contained an article concerning a meeting to be held of the Russell County Citizens Council on March 28, 1956, at Hurtsboro, Alabama. This article identified E. W. CALHOUN as Chairman of the group and reflected that [redacted], expelled student from the University of Alabama, would speak at the meeting. ALA

The March 29, 1956, issue of the COLUMBUS ENQUIRER reported on the meeting held by the Russell County Citizens Council at Hurtsboro, Alabama, on March 28th. Speakers at the meeting were [redacted], referred to above, and [redacted], Augusta, Georgia, who is described as a long-time pro-segregation leader in Georgia. [redacted] made an attack on President OLIVER C. CARMICHAEL of the University of Alabama on his views on segregation. [redacted] was quoted as attacking the view that segregation is "unchristian, un-American, un-Constitutional and un-scientific", and stated that "only so-called liberals preaching the gospel of Moscow and nine buzzards who sit on the Supreme Court oppose segregation on any of these grounds". This news article reported that this meeting was presided over by [redacted] H. B. HAMNER and the following were named as directors in this county council: O. B. BROWN, BENNIE HUGULEY, WALTER CAPP, MILLARD HERRING, JOHN T. SMITH, R. C. POSTER, W. W. McCAIN, WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH, C. D. RUTHERFORD, E. E. JOHNSTON, WILLIAM BRYAN BEES, C. H. McCANN, E. W. CALHOUN, WILLIAM SCHROEDER, HARRY COCHRAN, WILLIAM L. RUSSELL.

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WILCOX COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL ALA

The SELMA TIMES JOURNAL edition dated February 17, 1956, reported that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wilcox County Citizens Council was held in Camden, Alabama, on

February 15, 1956, at which time plans were made for future meetings. Assistance was also pledged to counties which have requested assistance in forming new organizations. FRED HENDERSON, Chairman of the Wilcox County Council, presided.

The SELMA TIMES JOURNAL issue of March 5, 1956, reported that a council rally was held at the Pine Hill School Auditorium on March 1, 1956. The guest speakers at this meeting were BRUCE HENDERSON, Catherine, Alabama, and JOE M. BONNER, [redacted] Wilcox County, Alabama. A second meeting was planned for Pineapple, Alabama.

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An information copy of this report is furnished to Atlanta, Memphis and New Orleans inasmuch as this report contains information of interest to those offices.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File N Where Locate
T-1 - [redacted], Dothan Eagle, Dothan, Ala. (requested)	Citizens Council meeting, Abbeville, Ala., 3/7/56	3/9/56	JOHN W. LILL, JR.	105-121 181
T-2 - [redacted], Dothan, Ala. (requested)	Citizens Council meeting, Dothan, Ala., 3/9/56	3/10/56	JOHN W. LILL,JR.	105-121 202
T-3 - [redacted], 1st National Bank, Dothan, Ala. (requested)	Citizens Council meeting, Dothan, Ala., 3/9/56	3/12/56	JOHN W. LILL,JR.	105-121 202
T-4 - [redacted], Ft. Deposit, Ala. (requested)	Meeting, 2/17/56	2/18/56 2/23/56	[redacted]	105-121 114

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T-5 - [redacted]	Opposition to NAACP	3/13/56	[redacted]	[redacted]
T-6 - [redacted] Mobile, Ala. (requested)	Citizens Council organization, Mobile County, Ala.	2/28/56 3/2/56	[redacted]	Instant Report

LEADS

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

1. Will follow and report the activity of subject organization in the northern portion of Ala. Will note that on 3/9/56, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of the Executive Committee of subject organization, stated that councils affiliated with subject organization are active in the following counties covered by Birmingham:

Bibb
Green
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Sumter
Tuscaloosa

On this same date KEITH advised that a council was also active in Jefferson Co., Ala. and may have by that time affiliated with subject organization.

MOBILE DIVISION

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

1. Will continue to follow and report activity of subject organization within the limits imposed by SAC Letter 55-66 and will report on new county councils which may be formed.

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A specific lead is set forth below to follow the activities of each county council within subject organization; however, in the interest of avoiding repetition only the location and name of the county council to be followed will be set forth where the lead is solely to follow the activity of that county council.

2. Mobile County Citizens Council.

AT CHATOM, ALABAMA (1A)

1. Will determine if Washington Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT BAY MINETTE-ROBERTSDALE, ALABAMA (1B)

1. Baldwin County Citizens Council.

AT SELMA, ALABAMA (2)

1. Will recontact Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of State Executive Committee of subject organization, and ascertain if any publications are regularly issued by subject organization, and if so, arrange to obtain regular copies thereof.

2. Will report further information furnished by KEITH on the establishment of other county councils within subject organization.

3. Dallas County Citizens Council.

AT BUTLER, ALABAMA (2)

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County Citizens Council and ascertain the identity of officers, activity and affiliation with subject organization.

AT JACKSON, ALABAMA (2)

1. Will verify the establishment of the Clarke Co. Citizens Council and ascertain identity of officers, activity and affiliation with subject organization.

AT GREENSBORO, ALABAMA (2)

1. Hale County Citizens Council.

AT LINDEN, ALABAMA (2)

1. Marengo County Citizens Council.

AT MARION, ALABAMA (2)

1. Perry County Citizens Council.

AT CAMDEN, ALABAMA (2)

1. Wilcox County Citizens Council.

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA (3)

1. Through established sources will obtain information concerning any publications regularly issued by subject organization and arrange to receive copies thereof.

2. Montgomery County Citizens Council.

AT PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA (3)

1. Autauga County Citizens Council.

AT CLANTON-JEMISON, ALABAMA (3)

1. Will verify establishment of the Chilton Co.

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Citizens Council and ascertain identity of officers, activity and affiliation with state subject organization.

AT WETUMPKA, ALABAMA (3)

1. Elmore County Citizens Council.

AT HAYNEVILLE, ALABAMA (3)

1. Lowndes County Citizens Council.

AT ROCKFORD, ALABAMA (3)

1. Will determine if the Coosa County Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT OPELIKA, ALABAMA (4)

1. Lee County Citizens Council.

AT ALEXANDER CITY, ALABAMA (4)

1. Will ascertain if the Tallapoosa Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within the limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT WEDOWEE, ALABAMA (4)

1. Will ascertain if the Randolph Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within the limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT LAFAYETTE, ALABAMA (4)

1. Will ascertain if the Chambers Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within the limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

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AT CLAYTON, ALABAMA (5)

1. Barbour County Citizens Council.

AT UNION SPRINGS, ALABAMA (5)

1. Bullock County Citizens Council.

AT TUSKEGEE-NOTASULGA, ALABAMA (5)

1. Macon County Citizens Council.

AT TROY, ALABAMA (5)

1. Will verify the establishment of the Pike Co. Citizens Council and ascertain identity of officers, activity and affiliation with state organization.

AT PHENIX CITY-HURTSBORO, ALABAMA (5)

1. Russell County Citizens Council.

AT HEADLAND, ALABAMA (6)

1. Henry County Citizens Council.

AT DOTHAN, ALABAMA (6)

1. Houston County Citizens Council.

AT ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA (6)

1. Will determine if Coffee Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT OZARK, ALABAMA (6)

1. Will determine if Dale Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations of

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AT GENEVA, ALABAMA (6)

Will determine if Geneva Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT GREENVILLE, ALABAMA (11)

1. Butler County Citizens Council.

AT LUVERNE, ALABAMA (11)

1. Crenshaw County Citizens Council.

AT FLOMATON-BREWTON, ALABAMA (11)

1. Escambia County Citizens Council.

AT EVERGREEN, ALABAMA (11)

1. Will determine if the Conecuh Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT ANDALUSIA, ALABAMA (11)

1. Will determine if Covington Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

AT MONROEVILLE, ALABAMA (11)

1. Will determine if Monroe Co. Citizens Council has been formed and if so, arrange coverage within limitations contained in SAC Letter 55-66.

REFERENCE: Report SA [redacted], 12/2/55, Mobile. b6 b7C

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 4/30/56

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

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SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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In report from Mobile 4/20/56 on captioned organization information was set out that U. S. Congressman Frank Boykin of the First District of Alabama, at Mobile, had made a statement that he had joined citizens councils in Marengo and Wilcox Counties, Alabama, and that he intended to join the council being formed in Mobile County.

Marengo, Wilcox and Mobile Counties have groups affiliated with captioned organization which was formed subsequent to Supreme Court decision 5/17/54 relating to integration in public schools.

We are following activities of captioned organization through discreet inquiries limited to established reliable sources and review of public records.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to Mr. Nichols for his information inasmuch as U. S. Congressman Boykin is affiliated with captioned organization.

cc - Mr. Belmont
Mr. Nichols
Mr. [redacted]

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cc - Mr. [redacted]

SAC, Mobile

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Director, FBI (105-33955)

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THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF ALABAMA
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Rerep of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 20, 1956.

On page twenty-four of rerep information attributed to T-4 reveals most of the former members of the Ku Klux Klan in the vicinity of Lowndes County have joined the Citizens' council in that county which is an affiliate of the captioned organization.

T-4 should be recontacted and the names of the former Klansmen who are members of the Lowndes County Citizens' Council should be ascertained. In the event any of these former Klansmen are now officials or in a position to influence the activities of this citizens' council, you should include the names and information concerning their Klan membership in the next report submitted.

In every instance where information is received concerning current or former members of the Klan being active in citizens' councils this information should be set forth in your investigative reports.

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SAC, DETROIT (100-25025)

THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, IS-X. Reairtel 4-30-56 captioned "Racial Situation" with which you furnished clippings from newspapers indicating attempts on the part of the captioned organization to create citizens councils in various cities in Michigan.

The Detroit Office is instructed to initiate discreet inquiries to ascertain if citizens councils have been formed in Michigan. In the event prosegregation organizations have been formed you should promptly advise the Bureau and thereafter conduct inquiries concerning those groups in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66.

There are being furnished the Mobile Office two newspaper articles furnished the Bureau with reairtel, a copy of which was furnished your office.

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1cc - Mobile (With Enclosures - 2)(For Information)

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cc - [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

May 14, 1956

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 7, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. [redacted], Informant," your reference WO:MWH:vmw 144-2-130, with which you furnished Photostats of a handbill allegedly circulated at a meeting on February 10, 1956, at Montgomery, Alabama. You requested that originals of this handbill be obtained and in this connection requested Mrs. [redacted] be interviewed.

By memorandum dated March 31, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council" from Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins the Bureau was furnished a copy of an identical handbill. According to that memorandum it was received by the Department from an unidentified source. It is not known whether the Department received at that time an original of this handbill.

As a result of the memorandum from Mr. Tompkins inquiries were initiated in the State of Alabama for the purpose of determining the source of these handbills and the extent of their dissemination. To date no information has been obtained showing the source or the exact extent of the distribution; however, our inquiries are continuing and any additional pertinent information received relative thereto will be furnished you and Mr. Tompkins.

In accordance with your request Mrs. [redacted] will be interviewed. The results of this interview will be furnished you promptly.

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1cc - Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins

2cc - Little Rock (W/Enclosures - 3) (See note page 2)
2cc - Mobile (W/Enclosures - 3) (See note page 2)
2cc - Birmingham (W/Enclosures - 3) (See note page 2)

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Memorandum to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

ATTENTION SACs LITTLE ROCK, MOBILE, BIRMINGHAM:

There is being furnished you herewith one Photostat each of the referenced memorandum from the Department dated May 7, 1956; a letter addressed to the Attorney General dated April 18, 1956, from Mrs. [redacted] and a handbill entitled "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation."

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The Little Rock Office is instructed to interview immediately Mrs. [redacted] for any information in her possession relative to the source or distribution of this handbill and you should also ascertain if Mrs. [redacted] has an original or can furnish information relative to where an original may be obtained.

By letter dated March 23, 1956, to Mobile, copies to Birmingham, Mobile and Birmingham were instructed to make discreet inquiries to determine who prepared the handbill referred to above and other information concerning its distribution. Mobile and Birmingham should furnish the Bureau promptly an original or originals of this handbill if it is available to your offices. Your attempts to ascertain the source and extent of distribution of this handbill should continue and the Bureau should be promptly advised of the results.

[redacted]

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

April 18, 1956

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CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

The Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are copies of two items which I feel are self-explanatory. Some of this is still rather ridiculous. How long will it be, however, before it becomes tragic? The Little Rock letter reads as a sober and thoughtful one. In my estimation, this makes it even more dangerous than the handbill from Alabama.

There are rumors that a Civil Rights Bureau is being established in the Department of Justice. If these rumors are not true, they certainly ought to be.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) [redacted]

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*COPY (Montgomery, Alabama)

A PREVIEW TO THE DECLARATION OF SEGREGATION

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all whites are created equal with certain rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of dead niggers.

In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black, slimy, juicy, unbearably stinky niggers. The conduct should not be dwelt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of Pigmies, head hunters, and snot suckers.

My friends, it is time we wised up to these black devils. I tell you they are a group of two-legged agitators who persist in walking up and down our streets protruding their black lips. If we don't stop these African flesh-eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

Let's get on the ball White Citizens.

The book "Declaration of Segregation" will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you be sure to read this book.

*Handbill circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting at the State Coliseum, Friday night, February 10, 1956.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: May 7, 1956.

WO:MWH:vmw

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

144-2-130

SUBJECT: White Citizens Council,
Montgomery, Alabama,
Mrs. [redacted], Informant

We are enclosing herewith two copies of a letter from Mrs. [redacted], Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and two copies of a handbill allegedly circulated at a meeting of the White Citizens Council on February 10, 1956, at the State Coliseum, Montgomery, Alabama.

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Please see if one or more of the original of these handbills can be obtained. In this connection, please interview Mrs. [redacted] for any further information she may have. Perhaps she may have one of these handbills.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 5/16/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,
aka. Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama
IS - X
(Origin - Mobile)

Reference is made to Bureau memo to Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY, III, 5/14/56, concerning a handbill allegedly circulated at a Citizens' Council meeting on 2/10/56, Montgomery, Alabama, the leaflet being entitled "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation."

The Mobile Office has to date received no additional information concerning the source of this handbill. The Mobile Office does not have an original of this handbill but does possess a copy which was quoted on pages 28 and 29 of the report of SA [redacted], 4/20/56, in the above captioned case. b6 b7C

It is noted that page 29 of this report and Mobile memo to the Bureau 4/11/56 set forth investigation to determine source of the handbill. A reliable source, who attended the 2/10/56 meeting and who subsequently obtained a copy of this leaflet, advised that he had not seen any indication at the meeting of the leaflet having been distributed there. It was also pointed out that SAM ENGLEHARDT, Executive Secretary of the subject organization, had advised the Sheriff of Macon County that he, ENGLEHARDT, had no knowledge concerning this leaflet having been distributed at any Citizens' Council meeting.

Further attempts will be made to ascertain the source and extent of distribution of this leaflet and pertinent information will be furnished to the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5/31/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: CHILTON COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Re Bulet to Mobile, 4/24/56.

On 5/3/56, Alabama State Senator SAM ENGLEHARDT, Executive Secretary, The Citizens' Councils of Alabama, with headquarters Montgomery, Alabama, volunteered certain information concerning the North Alabama Citizens Council. During the interview, Senator ENGLEHARDT also advised that the Chilton County Citizens Council is a part of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Senator ENGLEHARDT's group. Accordingly, the case file on captioned group is being closed, and information concerning this organization will be reported in reports on the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Bufile 105-33955. closed

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From SAC, MOBILE

To: DIRECTOR, FBI

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[redacted]

The Montgomery Advertiser, daily paper at Montgomery, Alabama, on front page 5/14/56 issue carries article which is being forwarded herewith captioned "RUSSELL WCC WILL STAGE PROTEST RALLY." This article relates in part that DAN SMOOT of Dallas, Texas, "a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nine years," and "for three years . . . on an intensive detail concerning Communism in this country while serving with the FBI," would be the featured speaker on the subject "Expression of Public Opinion on the Black Monday Decree."

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This matter is brought to the attention of the Bureau for any purpose it may serve.

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Special Agent in Charge

Russell WCC Will Stage Protest Rally

PHENIX CITY, Ala., May 13 (Special) — The White Citizens Council of Russell County will stage a giant anniversary protest rally at Martin Stadium here May 17.

The rally will mark the second anniversary of the May 17, 1954, U.S. Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public schools.

WELL-KNOWN SPEAKER

E. W. Calhoun of Ft. Mitchell, Ala., Russell chairman, said the meeting would start at 8 p.m. (EST) and would feature "expression of public opinion on the Black Monday decree" by well-known radio and TV commentator Dan Smoot of Dallas, Tex.

Calhoun said it was expected Gov. Marvin Griffin of Georgia would also be on hand for the anniversary affair.

Smoot, former professor of English at Harvard University, was a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nine years.

INVESTIGATED COMMUNISM

Calhoun said Smoot for three years had been on an intensive detail concerning communism in this country while serving with the FBI.

Calhoun said his organization was established to fight forced integration of the races in any form and to legally combat the court efforts of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

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MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955) DATE: May 31, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

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SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALABAMA
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Re Bureau memo to Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY, III, dated 5-14-56.

Limited inquiries in Birmingham Office to date have failed to ascertain the author of "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" or one of the original handbills.

On April 18, 1956, Mr. [redacted], [redacted], National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc., 1109 First National Bank Building, Birmingham, appeared at the Birmingham Office and made available a copy of the above mentioned handbill. He stated that he had been unable to determine the author of this handbill; that it had been allegedly distributed at a citizens council rally at Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] said that his organization had made pretext inquiries of the citizens council at Montgomery, Alabama, and that this group denied any knowledge or connection with this handbill.

[redacted] has been contacted periodically since the origin of citizens councils in this area. He has not been able to ascertain anything concerning the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation". [redacted] has been in the office of ASA CARTER, Executive Secretary of ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, formerly NORTH ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL, on several occasions since February, 1956. [redacted] advised repeatedly that he has no information connecting ASA CARTER's group with the distribution of this handbill.

Mr. [redacted], above mentioned, advised on May 31, 1956, that he has obtained no further information concerning instant handbill.

The Bureau will be advised of any information obtained, through limited inquiries, concerning instant handbill.

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cc - [redacted]

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to my memorandum dated May 14, 1956, advising that Mrs. [redacted] would be interviewed in an effort to obtain an original handbill allegedly circulated at a white citizens council meeting at Montgomery, Alabama, February 10, 1956.

On May 17, 1956, Mrs. [redacted], Pine Bluff, Arkansas, furnished the following information concerning a handbill captioned "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation," which she had sent to the Department.

Mrs. [redacted] typed a copy of this handbill from a copy which was in the possession of Mrs. Essie A. Austin, a nurse at [redacted]. It was Mrs. [redacted]'s understanding that Mrs. Austin had only a typed copy of the handbill and that a friend of hers from Montgomery, Alabama, had given it to her. Mrs. [redacted] is certain that she typed her copy from another copy and not from an original handbill. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she is certain that no handbills of this type have been circulated [redacted] and that she has never seen an original of this handbill.

On May 17, 1956, Mrs. Essie A. Austin furnished the following information: A friend of hers who lived some forty miles from Montgomery, Alabama, visited her at Pine Bluff and had a typewritten copy of the handbill captioned "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation." This was a typed copy and not an original handbill. Mrs. Austin had a typed copy made from this copy which belonged to her friend in Alabama. Mrs. Austin has not seen any original handbill, nor has she heard of any such handbills being distributed in the area of Pine Bluff. She knew nothing of the circulation of this handbill and said that her friend in Alabama told her that it had been distributed at a meeting held in Montgomery, Alabama.

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Letter to Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

Mrs. Austin was very reluctant to discuss this matter. She said if she had known it would have caused any inquiry at all she would have never shown this typed copy of the handbill to other people on the college campus. She said she would not divulge the name of her friend from whom she copied her copy until she had an opportunity to contact this friend and determine if that individual had any objection.

On May 21, 1956, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised he had a number of copies made from the copy in the possession of Mrs. Austin. This source is certain that Mrs. Austin's [redacted] is the individual who gave the typed copy of the handbill to Mrs. Austin since he received this information from Mrs. Austin herself. According to this source [redacted] had only a typed copy of the handbill which he had obtained from another unknown individual.

[redacted] who is presently a member of the faculty at [redacted], will be interviewed by our Mobile Office in connection with this matter.

The results of this interview will be forwarded to you promptly upon receipt thereof by the Bureau.

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

ATTENTION SAC, MOBILE

Re Bulet to the Department dated May 14, 1956, a copy of which was furnished your office and Little Rock airtel dated May 24, 1956.

You are instructed to locate and interview [redacted] and obtain any information in his possession concerning the source of the handbill in question. You should determine if he has an original of this handbill or can furnish any information relative to where an original can be obtained.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [redacted].

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to: DIRECTOR, FBI

FBI LITTLE ROCK (105-150) 5/24/56 AIRTEL

DIRECTOR, FBI AIR MAIL

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Bulet to Assistant Attorney General OLNEY, May 14, 1956.

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On May 17, 1956, Mrs. [redacted] Pine Bluff, Arkansas, advised SA [redacted], of the following information concerning copy of a handbill headed "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation," which she sent to the Attorney General.

Mrs. [redacted] typed a copy of this handbill from a copy which Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, College Nurse, had in her possession. It was Mrs. [redacted]'S understanding that Mrs. AUSTIN only had a typed copy of the same handbill, and that some friend of hers from Montgomery, Alabama, had given it to her. Mrs. [redacted] is sure she typed her copy from another copy and not an original handbill. Mrs. [redacted] stated she is sure no handbills of this nature have been circulated [redacted] and that she has never seen an original handbill. She made seven or eight copies of this and gave them to different people. She said that possibly others had made copies of the same copy from Mrs. AUSTIN, and gave them to their friends.

On May 17, 1956, Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, College Nurse, [redacted], furnished the following information to SA [redacted];

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Mr. Belmont

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ AIRTEL message to:

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A friend of hers who lives some forty miles from Montgomery, Alabama, visited her at Pine Bluff and had a typewritten copy of the handbill entitled "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation." This was a typed copy and not an original handbill. Mrs. AUSTIN had a typed copy made from this typed copy of her friends. She showed her typed copy to a number of people [redacted], Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She does not know how many people she showed this to or how many of the people made copies from it. She has not seen any original handbill, nor has she heard of any of these handbills being distributed in the area of Pine Bluff. She knows nothing concerning the circulation of this handbill and only that her friend told her it had been distributed at a meeting in Montgomery, Alabama.

It is noted Mrs. AUSTIN was very reluctant to talk about this at all. She said if she had known it would have caused any type inquiry at all she would never have shown this typed copy to people on the campus. She said she would not give the name of her friend from whom she copied her typed copy until she had an opportunity to contact her friend and see if it is all right with the friend. She said her friend may visit her the week-end of May 19, 1956, and if so she would ask her friend if it was all right to give her name to the FBI.

Mrs. AUSTIN was recontacted on May 21, 1956, and advised her friend did not visit her over the week-end and she still did not want to furnish the name until she had an opportunity to talk with her friend.

On May 21, 1956, Mr. [redacted], Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who has been a Confidential Source in the past, and whose name should not be disclosed, was interviewed by SA [redacted], and furnished the following information:

[redacted] had a number of typed copies of the handbill made from the copy that Mrs. AUSTIN had in her possession, to send to his sons. [redacted] is sure that Mrs. AUSTIN'S [redacted] is the individual who brought the typed copy of the handbill to Mrs. AUSTIN.

Approved:_____ Sent_____M Per_____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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[redacted] did not personally talk with [redacted] when he visited [redacted] but [redacted] received his information through Mrs. AUSTIN. [redacted] had only a typed copy of this handbill and had gotten it from someone else. [redacted] said to his knowledge, Mrs. AUSTIN had the first typewritten copy of this handbill [redacted], and other copies were made from it.

[redacted], graduated from [redacted], Alabama, approximately ten years ago and is presently [redacted] and living at [redacted], Alabama. He is approximately 30 years old and married. He visited [redacted] at [redacted], Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a short time before Easter, 1956, and on this visit had the typed copy of the handbill.

[redacted] has not heard of any of these handbills being distributed in the area of Pine Bluff and has never seen an original copy of this handbill.

[redacted] advised that Mrs. AUSTIN is a lady around sixty-five years old, and that she and [redacted], are both considered good citizens. He believed that [redacted] would be willing to assist and furnish information to the Bureau, if contacted.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished Mobile in the event the Bureau desires to have [redacted] interviewed.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished Birmingham for information purposes.

No further action is being taken by the Little Rock Office unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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Approved:_____ Sent_____M Per_____
Special Agent in Charge

cc - [redacted]

SAC, Mobile (105-121) June 13, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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ReBulet to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III dated June 1, 1956, a copy of which was furnished your office instructing that [redacted] of [redacted], [redacted] Mrs. Essie A. Austin, be interviewed for any information in his possession concerning the source of an original handbill circulated at a white citizens council meeting at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 10, 1956.

Reference is also made to Little Rock airtel dated June 5, 1956, which reflects Mrs. Essie A. Austin advised the Little Rock Office that Mrs. [redacted], who resides at Haynesville, Alabama, made a copy of the handbill in question from a handwritten copy in the possession of Miss [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama.

This information indicates that [redacted] was not the individual who gave a copy of the handbill to [redacted] as originally reported in Little Rock airtel dated May 24, 1956.

In accordance with Bureau instructions contained in the note to your office in referenced letter to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III dated June 1, 1956, you should locate and interview Miss [redacted] at once.

The results of this interview must be furnished the Bureau without delay.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to: DIRECTOR

FBI LITTLE ROCK (105-150) 6/5/56 AIRTEL

DIRECTOR, FBI AIR MAIL

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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Re Little Rock airtel of May 24, 1956.

On June 2, 1956, Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, College Nurse, [redacted], Pine Bluff, Arkansas, contacted SA [redacted], via telephone, and advised himshe desired him to contact her as the party from whom she copied the handbill issued by the Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama was presently visiting her.

On June 2, 1956, Mrs. [redacted] Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, who resides at Haynesville, Alabama, was interviewed at the [redacted]. She advised she had brought a typewritten copy of the handbill in question with her when she visited [redacted] at [redacted] sometime around Easter of 1956. She said she had made her copy from a handwritten copy that Miss [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, had in her possession. She does not know where any original copy is located and has never seen an original copy herself. She stated it was rumored that a Negro janitor had obtained an original from the auditorium where the handbill was originally distributed and also it was rumored that someone had left a copy of the original handbill in their clothes when the clothes were left at a cleaning establishment.

She stated Miss [redacted] planned to move to Cleveland, Ohio, to work during the summer but that [redacted] resides at [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, and would know her forwarding address.

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Mr. Belmont

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Miss Gandy

From SAC, Detroit (100-25147)

To: Director, FBI (~~105-34237~~) 105-48111

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF MICHIGAN
IS - X

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Re Detroit Airtel 5/25/56.

A pretext telephone inquiry with the Detroit Chapter NAACP on 6/21/56 developed the information that a Citizens Council is to be organized in Dearborn, Mich. The person answering the pretext call stated they had received information from an unidentified party that one [redacted] ACE CARTER of Birmingham, Ala., will be in charge of the organization of the Dearborn Citizens Council. The council is expected to open an office the week of 6/25/56 at 13708 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, which is directly across from the Dearborn City Hall. Membership is to be $10 a person. Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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Mr. Belmont

CC [redacted]

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA

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cc - [redacted]

SAC, Detroit (100-25025)

June 18, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

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THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Bureau airtel dated May 2, 1956.

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau by July 1, 1956, all pertinent information received concerning formation of citizens councils within the territory covered by your office. This information should be in a report suitable for dissemination.

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cc - Mr. [redacted]

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

July 2, 1956

Director, FBI

ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 7, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. [redacted], Informant," your reference WO:MWH:umw, 144-2-130, and my replies thereto dated May 14, 1956, and June 1, 1956.

In response to your request there is being furnished you herewith a copy of a memorandum from the Mobile Office of this Bureau dated June 20, 1956, setting forth the results of an interview with [redacted] on June 14, 1956.

Additional inquiries are being made and the results thereof will be made available to you promptly.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/20/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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ReBulet to Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY III, dated 6/1/56.

Arkansas

On 6/14/56, [redacted] was located and interviewed by SA'S JOHN P. BRADY and HARLAN C. FLINNER at [redacted], Alabama. [redacted] stated that he has been at [redacted] since July, 1955, as [redacted] and [redacted]. Previously he was an instructor at [redacted], Alabama, for one year and prior to that [redacted] stated he operated a farm in [redacted], Alabama.

In reference to the typewritten copy of an article entitled "A Preview To The Declaration Of Segregation," [redacted] related the following story concerning his knowledge of the article. He first saw the article during January, 1956, at [redacted]. One day during Chapel Services he picked up a piece of paper laying on the floor of the Auditorium and read it. After reading it he threw it in the waste paper basket. He described the article as a "second page typewritten carbon copy on yellow paper." [redacted] stated he had never seen the article before and that he did not know who had it at [redacted]. He also stated that he did not make a copy of the article, nor did he send a copy to anyone, including [redacted] in Arkansas. [redacted] continued that he did not speak to anyone on the campus concerning the article.

In reply, [redacted] stated he visited [redacted] in Arkansas on March 21, 1956, and mentioned the fact to her that such an article was in circulation in Alabama. However, he emphatically denied taking a copy to her or mailing her a copy at any time. [redacted] related that he does not know where the article originated, nor does he have any idea who wrote the article. He again explained that he has only seen the one copy at [redacted] and has never seen what appears to be an original handbill or copy of the article.

[redacted] stated there are 400 to 500 students at [redacted], most of whom are from the Wilcox County, Alabama,

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DIRECTOR, FBI 6/20/56

area. He also stated that he has not been back to [redacted] since his departure in July, 1955, and has only seen anyone he knew from [redacted] once in Montgomery, Alabama.

[redacted] also stated that he believes the copy of the article that he saw at [redacted] had the notation at the bottom that the article had been distributed at a White Citizens Council meeting in Montgomery, Alabama.

[redacted] stated that he could offer no assistance as to the origin of the article or who might have had it on [redacted] campus. Again he emphatically denied making any copies of the article or sending copies to anyone and that he did not originate the article.

Further inquiry is being made pursuant to Bumemo to Mobile, 6/13/56.

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THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated June 22, 1956, which forwarded the April 28, 1956, Volume 1, Number 2 issue of the publication "Montgomery County Citizens' Council Monthly Bulletin" and advised that arrangements had been made for future issues to be furnished the Bureau.

It is requested that your office make arrangements to discreetly obtain two copies of each issue of this publication and forward them to the Bureau by routing slip marked to the attention of the Central Research Section. Also, if possible, your office should obtain two copies of the Volume 1, Number 1 issue of this publication for completion of the Bureau's files.

This publication should be handled in accordance with the instructions contained in SAC Letter No. 54-74 dated December 28, 1954.

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the June 28, 1956, issue Vol. 1, #4, indicated name of publication was changed to "States' Rights Advocate" 8/20/56 RMB

NOTE: Mr. [redacted] of the Internal Security Section is interested in receiving this publication on a regular basis and will forward one copy of each issue to the Department of Justice. The price of a subscription is unknown.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 6/22/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.
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Enclosed herewith is an autostat copy of the monthly bulletin of the Montgomery County Citizens' Council, which group is an affiliate of subject organization.

The receipt of this publication is the first information concerning the printing of any publication by subject organization.

Arrangements have been made through PSI [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, to obtain future copies of this publication, which copies will be made available to the Bureau.

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cc Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C

SAC, Mobile

June 26, 1956

Director, FBI (105-49030)

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re SAC Letter 56-34.

In accordance with instructions set forth in the last paragraph of the referenced SAC Letter you are instructed to review files on citizens councils and prosegregation organizations and furnish the Bureau promptly the names of those organizations in which there has been any degree of Klan infiltration or participation in activities. A separate letter should be submitted on each organization in this category under the caption "Klan Infiltration Into (name of organization involved)" furnishing a brief summary of the extent of Klan participation in the organization. One copy of that letter and one extra copy of all subsequent communications containing data relative to Klan infiltration, including reports, should be designated for Bureau file 105-49030, a repository for data re captioned matter.

A review of Bufiles reveals data has been submitted on following organization indicating Klan infiltration:

The Citizens Councils of Alabama

You should advise auxiliary offices of change of title.

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cc ~~Bufile~~ 105-33955 (The Citizens Councils of Alabama)

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cc Mr. [redacted]

SAC, Mobile (105-121) June 26, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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ReBulet dated June 13, 1956.

The interview with Miss [redacted] should be conducted at once and the results furnished the Bureau promptly.

Reference is also made to previous correspondence concerning attempts to obtain a copy of a book "Declaration of Segregation" which was to have been published in April, 1956.

Furnish Bureau results of your efforts to obtain a copy of this book.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 6/27/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

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SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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ReBuLet to Mobile 6/13/56.

On 6/26/56, [redacted], Montgomery, Ala., advised SA [redacted] that [redacted], presently resides at [redacted], Cleveland, Ohio, and is presently unemployed. She will not return to Montgomery, Ala. until about Sept. 1956.

Cleveland will interview [redacted] in accordance with Bulet dated 6/13/56.

Enclosed herewith to Cleveland is 1 copy of Bulet to Mobile dated 6/13/56; 1 copy of letter from the Director to Assistant Attorney General dated 6/1/56 and 1 copy of handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation". Cleveland is requested to return the handbill, "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation", upon completion of investigation.

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Director, FBI 7/3/56

Re: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka.
Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama:
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the Declaration of Segregation," and which bore the notation at the bottom of the page that same was a copy of a handbill circulated at a White Citizens Council Meeting, Montgomery, Alabama, 2/10/56. [redacted] stated he had been interested in determining the source of this leaflet, which is the reason he furnished it to Rev. HUGHES, HUGHES being the State Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations. [redacted] stated that [redacted] did not say where he had received this leaflet but apparently [redacted] had made up a number of copies for distribution inasmuch as the copy he sent [redacted] was a mimeograph. [redacted] stated that he has since sent the mimeograph copy to [redacted] of the Christian Benevolent Association, Montgomery, Alabama.

[redacted] stated that he had inquired of the Mobile Book Store concerning the obtaining of a copy of the book "Declaration of Segregation" and was advised by Mr. [redacted] of the store, that [redacted] could find no information from any publishing company which would support the view that the book was actually being published. [redacted] stated that he then, recognizing that the book might be published by some independent printer on behalf of a Citizens Council group, wrote to Judge TOM BRADY, Winona, Mississippi, author of the book "Black Monday," which book was critical of the Supreme Court segregation decision. [redacted] also in his letter to Judge BRADY asked for information concerning the book "Declaration of Segregation." His letter was referred to the Mississippi White Citizens Council at Greenwood, Mississippi, which organization sent [redacted] copies of the book "Black Monday." He stated that the letter he received from the Citizens Council did not mention the book "Declaration of Segregation" and he assumed that the Mississippi group had no information concerning the book.

As was pointed out on Page 29 of the report of SA [redacted], Mobile, 4/20/56, Sheriff PRESTON

Director, FBI 7/3/56

Re: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka.
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HORNSBY, Tuskegee, Alabama, advised that Senator SAM ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of subject organization, had reported receiving copy of this leaflet through the mail. HORNSBY stated that persons in attendance at the 2/10/56 meeting could furnish no information concerning the leaflet and he expressed the opinion that the leaflet was drawn up by colored persons for inflammatory purposes.

This office will contact [redacted], McKenzie Funeral Home, Tuskegee, for further information concerning the source of this leaflet and the Bureau will be advised.

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cc Mr. [redacted]

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

July 11, 1956

Director, FBI

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 7, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama; Mrs. [redacted], Informant," your reference WO:MWH:vmw, 144-2-130, and my replies thereto dated May 14, 1956, June 1, 1956, July 2, 1956, and July 3, 1956.

For your additional information in this matter, Mr. M. Alston Keith, a member of the executive committee of the captioned organization, advised on June 5 and 13, 1956, that he has no information concerning the origin or distribution of the handbill captioned "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation."

On July 3, 1956, [redacted], an official of a Negro funeral home in Mobile, Alabama, advised he had furnished a typewritten copy of this handbill to Reverend Robert E. Hughes, state director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations. [redacted] stated that during the latter part of February, 1956, he had received this handbill from [redacted], a Negro in Tuskegee, Alabama. [redacted] stated he was interested in determining the source of this leaflet which is the reason he furnished it to Mr. Hughes. [redacted] said that [redacted] did not indicate where he had received this leaflet but had apparently made up a number of copies for distribution inasmuch as the copy [redacted] received was mimeographed.

[redacted] is being contacted for information concerning his source of this handbill. The results of this contact will be furnished you promptly.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 7/3/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile (105-121)

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SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka.
Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama:
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Re Bureau memo to Mobile dated 6/26/56 instructing that the interview with Miss [redacted] should be conducted promptly and that the Bureau should be furnished with the results of efforts to obtain a copy of the book "Declaration of Segregation," which was to have been published in April, 1956.

It is noted that investigation at Montgomery, Alabama, has reflected that [redacted] is residing in Cleveland, Ohio, and by Airtel to the Bureau and Cleveland dated 6/27/56 Cleveland was requested to interview her.

Mobile Airtel to the Bureau dated 5/16/56 set forth a summary of investigation to date to locate an original of the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation." It is noted that a reliable source, who attended the February 10, 1956, Citizens Council Meeting at Montgomery, advised that he had seen no indication of this handbill actually being distributed at the meeting. ALA

On 6/5,13/56 Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, a member of the Executive Committee of THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, advised that he has no information concerning the origin or distribution of this handbill and no information concerning the book "Declaration of Segregation."

On 7/3/56 [redacted] of the Christian Benevolent Funeral Home, Mobile, (colored), advised that he had furnished a typewritten copy of this leaflet to Rev. ROBERT E. HUGHES, who in turn had referred the leaflet to this office. [redacted] stated that during the latter part of February, 1956, he had received a one page mimeograph through the mail from [redacted] (colored), McKenzie Funeral Home, Tuskegee, Alabama, which mimeograph was entitled "A Preview of

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- Mr. [redacted]

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

July 3, 1956

Director, FBI

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 7, 1956, captioned "White Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama, Mrs. [redacted], Informant," your reference WO:MWH:vmw, 144-2-130, and my replies thereto dated May 14, 1956, June 1, 1956, and July 2, 1956.

For your information the Detroit, Michigan, Office of this Bureau has received two complaints, one from [redacted], and one from [redacted], both Detroit, Michigan. These individuals, who are members of the Negro race, advised that they had received letters postmarked at Detroit, with no return address or other identifying marks, enclosing only mimeographed handbills attacking the Negro race. [redacted] furnished the Detroit Office the handbill he received which is captioned "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation." One Photostat of this handbill is being furnished you herewith.

The extent of circulation of these handbills among Negroes in the Detroit area or the persons responsible for their dissemination are unknown.

Pursuant to the request in your memorandum additional inquiries are being made concerning the original source of these handbills. The results thereof will be furnished you promptly.

Enclosure

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2cc - Assistant Attorney General (W/Enclosure)
William P. Tompkins

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cc - Mr. [redacted]
Liaison

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105-33955

Date: July 5, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

There is being furnished you herewith one Photostat of a handbill captioned "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation," copies of which were furnished the Detroit Office of this Bureau by two Negroes who reside in Detroit. The extent of circulation of these handbills among Negroes in the Detroit area or the persons responsible for their dissemination are unknown.

A notation at the bottom of the handbill reveals that they were circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting in the State Coliseum, Friday night, February 10, 1956. Information has been furnished you previously to the effect that the captioned organization on February 10, 1956, held a meeting at the Coliseum at Montgomery, Alabama, at which United States Senator James O. Eastland spoke.

The above is for your information. Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished to you promptly.

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

2cc - Director of Naval Intelligence (W/Enclosure)
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

2cc - Director of Special Investigations (W/Enclosure)
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force **BY COURIER SERVICE**
Building Tempo E
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A PREV[illegible]W OF THE DECLARATION OF S[illegible]REGATION

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

We hold these truths to be self evident, that all whites are created free and equal with certain inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of dead niggers.

In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black slimy, [illegible]icy, unbearable stinking niggers. Their conduct should not be dealt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of pigmies, head hunters and snot suckers.

My friends, it is time we wised up to these black devils. I tell you they are a [illegible] agitators who persist in walking up and [illegible] streets, protruding their black lips. If we don't stop molding these [illegible] flesh eaters, we will soon wake up and [illegible] Rev. King in the White House.

LET'S GET ON THE BALL ---- WHITE CITIZENS !!

The book "Declaration of [illegible]egregation" will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you, be sure to read the book.

NOTE: The above is a copy of hand bills circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting in the State Coliseum, Friday night, February 10, 1956.

[illegible]

cc - Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C

SAC, Mobile (105-121) July 10, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955) — 66

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THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurairtel dated June 29, 1956.

The Bureau has no objection to your submitting a separate report on each county organization connected with The Citizens' Councils of Alabama. You should continue to submit reports on the captioned organization containing the over-all policy of this group and activities of its leaders.

You are instructed to furnish the Bureau a list of the names of the county organizations on which separate files are being opened and should advise when reports may be expected. You should be careful to furnish the Bureau the correct name of the county organization so that it will not be necessary to change the titles at a later date.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Mobile advised there are 25 county organizations which comprise The Citizens' Councils of Alabama. Mobile also advised it is exceedingly difficult to handle this case administratively and requested authority to submit separate reports on each county group.

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Date: 6/29/56

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

From SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955)

THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka
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(Mobile-OO)

Rerep SA [redacted] 4/20/56, containing info re 25 county councils reported as active in Mobile Division.

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In view of the large number of county councils, the overall administrative handling of this investigation has become exceedingly difficult and it is now felt that it would be better to have a separate file on each county group and write separate reports on each county group.

A report containing additional data concerning all county councils is being delayed pending advice from Bureau concerning approval of this suggestion re submission of separate reports. If the Bureau approves, this office will continue to submit reports captioned as above containing info concerning overall activity of state organization and state officers.

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Mr. Belmont

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Special Agent in Charge

c[illegible]r. [redacted]

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

July 23, 1956

Director, FBI

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS
OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 19, 1956.

There is being furnished you herewith a copy of a memorandum from the Cleveland Office of this Bureau which contains the results of the interview with Miss [redacted].

No additional inquiries are being conducted concerning the origin or distribution of a handbill entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

Enclosure

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Considerable investigation has been conducted at the request of the Department to determine the original ~~and~~ source of this anti-Negro leaflet. To date the source and the manner in which the leaflet was distributed have not been determined.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) DATE: July 12, 1956

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (105-1614)

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
IS-X

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Re Mobile letter to Bureau 6/27/56.

On July 10, 1956, Miss [redacted], Cleveland, Ohio, was interviewed by SA [redacted]. She advised that she was a former high school teacher in Montgomery, Alabama, and that she has applied for a position as high school teacher in the Cleveland public school system.

She related that in connection with the handwritten copy of the handbill entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" that she made a copy of this handbill from a typewritten copy which was in the possession of Miss [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama. She advised that she had no information concerning the original source of the handbill and further advised that she could not state whether the original handbill had been printed or typewritten. She stated that she has no idea as to how Miss [redacted] came into possession of her copy.

She pointed out that practically everybody in the ~~colored~~ NEGRO neighborhoods in Montgomery, Alabama, had seen a copy of the handbill and the number of copies in circulation were very numerous. She also recalled, while resting in her home at [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, an individual residing in the house at [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, reading a copy of the handbill outloud to somebody in the backyard at that address. She further advised that the handbill was reportedly distributed at a White Citizen's Council meeting held at Montgomery, Alabama, in February, 1956, although she pointed out that other rumors which were being circulated placed the source of the handbill at the following categories:

1. From janitors who cleaned up the Coliseum after the White Citizen's Council meeting.

2 - Bureau (RM)
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1 - Cleveland

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2. From maids who work in the White people's homes in Montgomery, Alabama, and perhaps pick up a copy of the handbill in the course of their duties.

3. From cleaning people who work in the downtown offices in Montgomery, Alabama, who perhaps pick up a copy of the handbill while in the discharge of their duties.

Miss [redacted] pointed out that the feeling among the ~~colored~~ NEGRO people in Montgomery, Alabama, concerning the circulation of this handbill was not one of indignation but on the contrary was a feeling of pity that somebody had such a distorted mind and would write such awful things concerning the Negroes. She advised that the contents of the handbill had been discussed in the churches by Negro ministers who repeatedly asked that no violence emanate from the circulation of the handbills. b6 b7C

Miss [redacted] stated that perhaps more information concerning the circulation of the handbill could be obtained by contacting officials of the Montgomery Improvement League since that organization had as its purpose the maintenance of law and order in the ~~colored~~ NEGRO neighborhoods and that undoubtedly the officials were in a better position to shed some light on the history of the handbill.

In accordance with the request of the Mobile Office the handbill enclosed with relet is being returned herewith to the Mobile Office.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/13/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO
CITIZENS' COUNCILS
IS - X

RE Bureau memo to Mobile, 6/26/56.

A review has been made of the Citizens Council files maintained by this office and the only council groups in which there has been any degree of Klan infiltration or participation are in councils affiliated with the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, Aka., Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama, BUfile 105-33955. Inasmuch as four affiliated councils have some Klan infiltration, the title of the main file on the statewide organization will henceforth be carried as KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, Aka., ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA; IS - X.

Pursuant to instructions in BUmemo dated 7/10/56, BUfile 105-33955, separate files are being opened on the local councils which were previously reported on in the file on the statewide group. The names of these local councils are being furnished to the Bureau by letter. Identified below are the four local council groups in which there has been some Klan infiltration:

1) Lowndes County, Alabama Citizens' Council

2) Houston County, Alabama Citizens' Council

3) Lee County, Alabama Citizens' Council

4) South Alabama Citizens' Council, Aka., Mobile County, Alabama, Citizens' Council.

Separate letters are being submitted to the Bureau concerning each of the four named council groups, furnishing a summary of the Klan participation in each group.

3 - Bureau (2cc: 105-49030)(1cc: 105-33955)(REGISTERED)
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To: Director, FBI 7/13/56

Re: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.
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10. DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

11. ELMORE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

12. ESCAMBIA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

13. HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

14. HENRY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

15. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO HOUSTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

16. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

17. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO LOWNDES COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

18. MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

19. MARENGO COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

20. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

21. PERRY COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

22. PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

23. RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

24. KLAN INFILTRATION INTO SOUTH ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, aka, Mobile County, Alabama Citizens' Council

25. WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

Since the submission of report 4/20/56, information has been received concerning activity of three additional local Councils on which separate files are being opened.

To: Director, FBI 7/13/56

Re: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.
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Limited inquiry is being made pursuant to instructions in SAC Letter 55-66, and separate reports will be submitted by 8/11/56, captioned as follows:

26. CHICKASAW, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

27. MONROE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

28. WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL.

Twenty-eight extra copies of this memo are being furnished to the Bureau in order that the Bureau will have one copy available for each of the files on the above listed twenty-eight groups.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 7/13/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka, Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama
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Reference is made to report of SA [redacted], 4/20/56, Mobile, and Bureau memo to Mobile, 7/10/56.

Separate files are being opened on each of the local Citizens' Council groups which were previously carried in instant file. Separate reports will be submitted in these cases by 8/11/56. A current report on captioned organization is being immediately prepared and will be submitted to reach the Bureau by 7/19/56.

Set forth below is a list of the organizations on which separate files are being opened, it being noted that pursuant to Bureau memo to Mobile 6/26/56 (Bureau file 105-49030) separate letters are being submitted to the Bureau concerning the organizations on this list wherein "Klan Infiltration" is included in the title.

1. AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
2. BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
3. BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
4. BULLOCK COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
5. BUTLER COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
6. CHILTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
7. CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
8. CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
9. CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

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Mr. [redacted]

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

July 19, 1956

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ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS'
COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to my memorandum dated July 11, 1956.

On July 6, 1956, [redacted] McKenzie Funeral Home, Tuskegee, Alabama, advised he had received a copy of the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" from a white friend whose identity he desired to conceal. He denied knowledge of the authorship of this handbill and stated he has no personal knowledge it was distributed at a citizens council meeting at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 10, 1956. He said the individual who furnished him this handbill indicated to him he had obtained the handbill at that citizens council meeting.

The results of the interview with Miss [redacted] will be furnished you promptly upon receipt thereof by this Bureau.

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2cc SAC, Cleveland

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ATTENTION SAC, CLEVELAND:

Reference Mobile letter to the Bureau dated June 27, 1956, copies of which were furnished your office. It is desired that the interview with Miss [redacted] be conducted without further delay and the results thereof promptly furnished the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 7/12/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.
Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama
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Re Mobile memo to Bureau 7/3/56.

[redacted], McKenzie Funeral Home, Tuskegee, Alabama, advised on July 6, 1956, that he received a copy of the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" from a white friend whose identity he promised to conceal. He denied knowledge of the authorship of this handbill and stated he had no personal knowledge that it was distributed at the Citizens Council Meeting at Montgomery, Alabama on February 10, 1956. His friend had indicated to him that he had attended this meeting and had picked up the handbill there, but had no knowledge who was responsible for its writing or distribution. [redacted] said that he had not made any copies of this handbill and had sent this copy to [redacted] of Mobile, Alabama. He has not heard of the publication of any book entitled the "Declaration of Segregation".

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Information has previously been furnished to the Bureau that there has been no indication whatever that this handbill was actually distributed at the February 10, 1956, meeting at Montgomery. It appears that this handbill was prepared by someone for inflammatory purposes.

No further investigation is being made concerning its source UACB.

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SAC, Mobile (105-121)

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KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka, Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama
INTERNAL SECURITY - K

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Rerep SA [redacted] dated July 18, 1956, at Mobile.

You should make arrangements to discreetly obtain two copies of each issue of the publication "Alabamian" on a regular basis and forward them to the Bureau by routing slip marked to the attention of the Central Research Section.

This publication should be handled according to the instructions contained in SAC Letter No. 56-37 dated July 3, 1956.

5-1 to Mobile 9/24/56. Re Bulet 8/7/56. Adv. Bu re status subscription for "Alabamian." AMB.
Letter to SAC, Mobile dated 10-9-56 stated 5-1 form dated 9/24/56 had not been found at Bureau. Mobile to advise Bu whether form was returned and status of subscription to "Alabamian". pbr.
See Serial 84 for status. AMB.

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NOTE: Mr. [redacted] of the Internal Security Section indicated a wish to receive two copies of the above publication on a regular basis. One copy will be forwarded to the Department of Justice. The price for a subscription is not known. This publication will be published monthly at Montgomery, Alabama.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MOBILE	MOBILE	JUL 18 1956	4/23;5/3;6/5,13,14,26; 7/3,6,8/56

TITLE OF CASE

CHANGED
KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA,
aka, Association of
Citizens' Councils of Alabama

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPED BY vlw

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SYNOPSIS:

News articles reflect that Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of subject organization, has expressed intent to lure followers of Alabama Citizens Council headed by ASA CARTER in North Alabama. ENGELHARDT continues to criticize Supreme Court desegregation ruling but repeats opposition to use of force or violence. Information has been reported reflecting 34 Council groups in Alabama affiliated with subject organization and 7 other groups expected to affiliate. News article quotes ENGELHARDT as claiming 44 affiliated groups with 33 groups in process of affiliation. ENGELHARDT quoted as expecting 85,000 membership in affiliated Councils. Subject organization starting monthly publication "Alabamian".

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DETAILS: The title of this case is marked "Changed" to reflect Klan infiltration into subject organization, it being noted that limited participation by ex-Ku Klux Klan members has been reported.

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HSC-4 M: [redacted]

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It is noted that the Ku Klux Klan has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

This report reflects information relating to activity of the State wide organization only. Separate reports are submitted on each individual Citizens' Council group.

AFFILIATED COUNCIL GROUPS

Investigation has reflected the following Council groups in the Mobile Division reported as having affiliated with subject organization:

1. AUTAUGA COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
2. BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
3. BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL
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22. PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

23. RUSSELL COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

24. SOUTH ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL, aka, Mobile County, Alabama Citizens' Council

25. WILCOX COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

26. CHICKASAW, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

27. MONROE COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

28. WASHINGTON COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS' COUNCIL

Recent investigation has reflected that reliable sources in Chambers County, Randolph County and Tallapoosa County, Alabama, have stated that there is no Citizens' Council group operating in these counties.

Information reported by the Birmingham Office reflects the following groups which have affiliated with subject organization:

1. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF SYLACAUGA, ALABAMA

2. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ASHLAND, ALABAMA

3. LINCOLN CITIZENS COUNCIL, LINCOLN, ALABAMA

4. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA

5. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF WEST END, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

6. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ENSLEY, ALABAMA.

Information reported by Birmingham reflects the following Council groups expected to affiliate with subject organization:

1. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF LIPSCOMB, ALABAMA

2. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA, ALABAMA

3. LINEVILLE CITIZENS COUNCIL, LINEVILLE, ALABAMA

4. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF HUEYTOWN, ALABAMA

5. CITIZENS COUNCIL OF BLUFF PARK, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

6. INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COUNCIL OF BIRMINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

7. CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA CITIZENS COUNCIL.

Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney, Selma, Alabama, a member of the State Executive Committee of subject organization, previously indicated that he would furnish a list of all the Councils affiliated with subject organization. On June 5, 1956, he advised that he had not obtained such list as the records were maintained only in Montgomery. He stated that as of that date there was a total of eighty-five Councils in forty counties in the state of Alabama affiliated with subject organization.

The June 14, 1956 issue of the "Selma Times Journal", a daily newspaper published at Selma, Alabama, reported that Senator SAM M. ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of subject organization, while speaking at a rally at Linden, Alabama, reported that there are forty-four groups affiliated with subject organization, thirty-three in the process of affiliation, and thirty-seven independent Council groups in the

state. He was quoted as saying that the State Councils boast over 35,000 members within the forty-four affiliated Councils, and expect a boost of 85,000 as more Councils are affiliated with the State organization.

ACTIVITY OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The April 12, 1956 issue of "The Mobile Press", daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported on an attack on singer NAT KING COLE while singing before a white audience of 4,000 in the Birmingham, Alabama Municipal Auditorium the night of April 10, 1956. This article reported that six white men had been arrested in connection with the attack and that all six were members of the North Alabama Citizens Council headed by ASA E. CARTER. This same article quoted Senator ENGELHARDT as issuing the following statement condemning the attack on COLE: "I deplore any violence in connection with the racial question. The Citizens' Councils of Alabama always have and always will stand for solving the problem lawfully and peacefully."

The April 15, 1956 issue of "The Montgomery Advertiser", daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, reported that ENGELHARDT had declared that he hoped to lure members from the North Alabama Council group led by CARTER. The article reported that a meeting was being held in Birmingham the night of April 14, 1956, in the first effort by subject organization to lure membership from CARTER's group. The article quoted ART HANES, who presided over the Birmingham meeting, as accenting the rift between subject organization and CARTER's organization by referring to "hoodlums and rabble rousers who would go outside the law". HANES was quoted as saying that the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, subject organization, "abhor and deplore hoodlumism".

The April 18, 1956 issue of "The Mobile Press" quoted Senator ENGELHARDT concerning a Citizens' Council questionnaire sent out by subject organization to candidates in the May 1, 1956 Alabama Democratic Primary. The questionnaire was designed to ascertain the candidates' beliefs on segregation. The article quoted Senator ENGELHARDT as saying that he had received only forty-six of one hundred fourteen questionnaires mailed by his headquarters. He added that it was likely that no more would be returned.

The April 24, 1956 issue of "The Alabama Journal", daily newspaper published at Montgomery, Alabama, quoted Senator ENGELHARDT as follows, in criticism of the Supreme Court desegregation order on buses operated within states:

> "This is one of many amendments from that new law making body, that is the U. S. Supreme Court, and we can expect many more in an election year. We in the Citizens' Council are still dedicated to the preservation by peaceful and legal means of segregation in all its phases.
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> "We want the U. S. Supreme Court to know that if any further discord comes in Alabama from the new amendment to the Constitution, that they are directly responsible.
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> "We would also like to urge members of both races to remain calm and abide by our customs as we have known them over one hundred years."

The April 29, 1956 issue of "The Detroit Free Press", daily newspaper published at Detroit, Michigan, reported that the Citizens' Council of Alabama was recruiting members and organizing chapters in the Detroit area. Mayor ORVILLE HUBBARD, Dearborn, Michigan, was quoted as saying he had been invited to a White Citizens' Council organizational meeting in Highland Park the past Tuesday but was unable to attend. HUBBARD was quoted as saying that he had had letters from people telling him that Citizen' Council chapters were being organized in Detroit, Lansing, Flint and Highland Park, Michigan. HUBBARD was also quoted as saying that there was no chapter being organized in Dearborn, adding: "We don't need one here. Citizens' Councils are for places where they have problems."

This same issue of "The Detroit Free Press" quoted Senator ENGELHARDT, Executive Secretary of subject organization, as saying the Detroiters had written him for organizational literature and that he had sent it to them. He refused to identify the persons who asked for the literature or to discuss the success of the organizational campaign in Detroit.

This same paper quoted ENGELHARDT as saying that two newspapers in Chicago and one in Detroit had refused to run his

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recruiting adds. He was quoted as saying: "But I'm gonna keep on trying. I think I'll move on over East and try Philadelphia and New York maybe."

Informant T-1, who was formerly active in the Ku Klux Klan in the Mobile, Alabama area in 1949 and 1950, and who has furnished reliable information concerning the Ku Klux Klan in the past, advised on April 23, 1956 that he has no information concerning Ku Klux Klan infiltration of subject organization. He stated that a few days previously he had spoken with [redacted] of Atmore, Alabama, and that [redacted] had described himself as being engaged in fighting Communism and distributing issues of "Common Sense", described as an anti-Communist newspaper published in New Jersey. Informant stated that [redacted] advised him that he, [redacted], had spoken at several Citizens' Council meetings throughout the state and had distributed "Common Sense" through these Citizens' Council meetings.

On May 3, 1956, Senator ENGELHARDT contacted SA [redacted] at Montgomery, Alabama, and furnished the following:

1. Mimeographed leaflet captioned "WHITE PEOPLE'S DEFENSE FUND, POST OFFICE BOX 414, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA," addressed "Dear Fellow American:", and signed "Sincerely, [redacted]," which sets forth a series of statements warning of the immediate danger of integration in public schools, and of the possibility of white people being arrested and taken to court for "protecting your children." The leaflet also contains statements concerning the NAT "KING" COLE incident in Birmingham, and solicits cash contributions for the defense of the white people who have been charged with attacking COLE. On the reverse side, several statements appear condemning COLE as a "vicious agitator for integration," and other statements criticizing Senator ENGELHARDT for inviting COLE back to Alabama, and for guaranteeing him that he will receive protection and a welcome.

2. Photostat of a mimeographed leaflet beginning, "LENIN, FORMER BOSS OF RUSSIA'S SLAVE SYSTEM, ONCE WROTE, 'GIVE US ACCESS TO THE MINDS, AND THE PEOPLE WILL REACT ACCORDING TO THE PLAN SET DOWN FOR THEM'"; and signed "ACE CARTER, EXEC. SEC. ALA. CITIZENS COUNCIL." This leaflet

defends the actions of the persons who attacked COLE, and states that the "integrationist" press in Birmingham unfairly emphasizes such things as the COLE incident, while it "plays down" such things as rapes of white women by Negroes. On the reverse side, this leaflet attacks Senator ENGELHARDT and his Citizens' Council group, refers to President O. C. CARMICHAEL of the University of Alabama as "integrationist planner", and to United States Senator LISTER HILL as "vicious integrationist" and "key man in Alabama's mongrelizing machine of politics" with a "traitorous record toward the South". This leaflet outlines the program of the "Alabama Citizens Council" and of ACE CARTER as follows:

> "Invite NAT 'KING' COLE on a fast boat to Africa; Petition for impeachment of Governor JAMES E. FOLSOM; Destroy Jefferson County's 'Interracial Committee' (accomplished, according to the leaflet); Stop integration of the Boy Scouts (also accomplished); Campaign against 'animalistic' Negro music being hand-fed to our children; and Publish the 'facts' on candidates."

Senator ENGELHARDT said that he believed that ACE CARTER and his group should be investigated as a "dangerous" organization. He regards the above literature as "false and incendiary". He said that any information he receives pertaining to their activities will be furnished to the Bureau.

Concerning the "White People's Defense Fund," Senator ENGELHARDT said that [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] is [redacted] of ASA E. (ACE) CARTER. He said that Dr. JOHN WHITLEY, Druggist at Tarrant City, Alabama, who is Chairman of the Associated Citizens Councils of Alabama, recently told ENGELHARDT that the funds collected by the "White People's Defense Fund" have been diverted by [redacted] to their own use, and that it is a fraudulent scheme to obtain money falsely. He said that he did not know whether or not the United States Mails have been used in distributing the leaflets, since the only copies he has received were apparently distributed by hand in Selma, Alabama.

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The May 11, 1956 issue of "The Mobile Register", daily newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, quoted Senator

ENGELHARDT as urging Council Chairmen to petition their Congressman to oppose any Federal appropriation to the Civil Aeronautics Administration. The article reported that ENGELHARDT suggested this program in protest against the Civil Aeronautics Administration's recent disclosure that it will not provide funds to cities and communities to construct segregated facilities at airports.

The July 1, 1956 issue of "The Mobile Press Register", Sunday newspaper published at Mobile, Alabama, reported that White Citizens' Council leaders have undertaken a campaign to "pressure" Alabama delegates for a southwide caucus in advance of the Democratic national convention. Senator ENGELHARDT was quoted as saying in a form letter mailed that week, "We think it is high time that every Council Chairman put pressure on every member of his Council to ask for a pre-convention caucus of the Alabama delegation with other Southern states." The article reflected that the Citizens' Council had endorsed a plan suggested by South Carolina Governor GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN, JR., favoring the Dixie pre-convention meeting as the only way Southern delegates can adequately meet the segregation issue at Chicago by having worked out strategy in advance.

PUBLICATION OF "ALABAMIAN" BY SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The June 14, 1956 issue of "The Selma Times Journal", referred to above, quoted Senator ENGELHARDT as saying that the "Alabamian" would come off the press the following week with the truth about how certain forces are trying to destroy the South and how certain politicians are trying to destroy the Southern way of life.

On July 8, 1956, Mr. LANDIS M. WILLIAMSON, who identified himself as Chairman of the Chickasaw, Alabama Citizens' Council, which is affiliated with subject organization, advised that he had received a letter from Senator ENGELHARDT dated July 5, 1956, stating that the "Alabamian" is off the press and would be mailed that day or the following day. ENGELHARDT's letter was calling attention of the Chairmen of all affiliated Councils to the necessity of furnishing the State organization with a membership list of each Council in order that the "Alabamian" could be mailed to each member of each affiliated Council. WILLIAMSON stated that the "Alabamian" would be published monthly at Montgomery, Alabama, according to information which he had received from ENGELHARDT.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Department of Justice, by memo dated May 7, 1956, furnished a copy of the following mimeograph entitled "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation."

"A PREVIEW TO THE DECLARATION OF SEGREGATION

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary to abolish the Negro race, proper methods should be used. Among these are guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and knives.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all whites are created equal with certain rights; among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of dead niggers.

"In every stage of the bus boycott we have been oppressed and degraded because of black, slimy, juicy, unbearably stinky niggers. The conduct should not be dwelt upon because behind them they have an ancestral background of Pigmies, head hunters, and snot suckers.

"My friends, it is time we wised up to these black devils. I tell you they are a group of two-legged agitators who persist in walking up and down our streets protruding their black lips. If we don't stop these African flesh-eaters, we will soon wake up and find Rev. King in the White House.

"Let's get on the ball White Citizens.

"The book 'Declaration of Segregation' will appear April, 1956. If this appeals to you be sure to read this book.

"*Handbill circulated at the White Citizens Council meeting at the State Coliseum, Friday Night, February 10, 1956."

The Department advised that this copy had been furnished by Mrs. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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[redacted], Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The following investigation was conducted in an attempt to obtain the source of this mimeograph.

Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed at Pine Bluff, Arkansas on May 17, 1956, and she stated that she had received a copy of this handbill from Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, a nurse at [redacted]. Mrs. AUSTIN on the same date advised that she received this copy from a friend who lived some forty miles from Montgomery, Alabama. This was a typed copy and Mrs. AUSTIN made copies from this typed copy. Mrs. AUSTIN had not seen any original handbill.

On June 2, 1956, Mrs. AUSTIN contacted agents and stated that the source of her handbill had been [redacted], who resides at Haynesville, Alabama, and who was then visiting Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed this same date, and she advised that her copy of this handbill had been obtained from Miss [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama. She had not seen an original copy but stated that it had been rumored that a Negro janitor had obtained an original from an auditorium where the handbill had been distributed.

On June 14, 1956, [redacted] Mrs. ESSIE A. AUSTIN, was interviewed at [redacted], Alabama, where he has been a teacher since July, 1955. He stated that he had seen copies of this handbill but has no information concerning the origin or distribution of same.

On June 26, 1956, [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, advised that [redacted] now resides at [redacted], Cleveland, Ohio, and is unemployed.

It is noted that it was previously reported that on April 5, 1956, Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, State Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Montgomery, Alabama, had furnished a copy of this handbill, which had been furnished to him by [redacted], Negro, [redacted], Mobile, Alabama. Reverend HUGHES stated that he, HUGHES, had attended this Citizens' Council meeting at Montgomery on February 10,

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1956, and had not seen any indication that this handbill had, in fact, been distributed at any meeting.

On June 5, 1956, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, a member of the Executive Committee of subject organization, advised that he has no information concerning the origin or distribution of this handbill and no information concerning any book named "Declaration of Segregation".

On July 3, 1956, [redacted], Christian Benevolent Funeral Home, Mobile, Alabama, advised that the handbill he had furnished to HUGHES had been furnished to him through the mail by [redacted], McKenzie Funeral Home, Tuskegee, Alabama. [redacted] stated that he had been interested in trying to determine the source of this handbill. He stated that [redacted] had not stated where he had received it but that apparently [redacted] had made up a number of copies, as the one sent to [redacted] was a mimeographed copy. [redacted] stated that he had inquired through the Mobile Book Store and was advised that there was no indication of a book, "Declaration of Segregation", being published by any of the established publishing companies. [redacted] then wrote to the Citizens' Council group in Mississippi which had published the book, "Black Monday", and ordered copies of "Black Monday" and inquired about the book, "Declaration of Segregation". He received copies of the book, "Black Monday" but no mention was made of the "Declaration of Segregation", and [redacted] assumed that the Mississippi group had no information concerning such book.

On July 6, 1956, [redacted] was interviewed at Tuskegee, Alabama, and he stated that he had received a copy of this handbill from a white friend whom he refused to identify. He denied knowledge of the authorship of this handbill and stated that he has no personal knowledge that it was actually distributed at a Citizens' Council meeting at Montgomery, Alabama February 10, 1956. He stated that his friend had indicated that he had picked up the handbill at the Citizens' Council meeting but had no knowledge of who was responsible for its preparation or distribution.

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INFORMANTS

T-1 is [redacted]. Mobile, Alabama, who was [redacted]. He requested that his identity be concealed and the information which he furnished is located in Mobile file [redacted]. He was contacted on 4/23/56 by SA [redacted].

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbol was utilized in this report only where the identity of the source must be concealed.

LEADS

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished to Birmingham for information inasmuch as Birmingham Office is investigating Citizens' Council groups affiliated with subject organization and other Council groups which are expected to affiliate with subject organization.

CLEVELAND OFFICE

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Will, according to lead set forth in Mobile memo to the Bureau and Cleveland, 6/27/56, interview [redacted], [redacted], for any information she can furnish concerning the origin and distribution of the handbill "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation".

DETROIT OFFICE: (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished to Detroit for information in view of the information reported recently that subject organization was soliciting membership in Detroit, Lansing, Flint and Highland Park, Michigan.

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MOBILE OFFICE

AT SELMA, ALABAMA

Will maintain contact with Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, member of the Executive Committee of subject organization, and will report any additional information concerning the identities of affiliated Councils and Chairmen thereof.

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Will arrange to receive copies of the "Alabamian" on a regular monthly basis and will forward two copies of each issue to the Bureau.

AT MOBILE, ALABAMA

Will report further activity of subject organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted], dated 4/20/56, at Mobile. b6 b7C

Mobile memo to the Bureau, 7/13/56.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

DATE: 7/17/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA
CITIZENS' COUNCIL
IS - X

ReBulet 6/29/56, entitled "THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka., IS - X".

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Section are two photostats of Number 3 of the "Montgomery County Citizens Council Monthly Bulletin", dated 5/28/56.

The original of this bulletin was furnished for copying by Reverend ROBERT E. HUGHES, State Director, Alabama Council on Human Relations, 206 Moore Building, Montgomery, Alabama, on 7/5/56.

Mobile is continuing efforts to locate two copies of Volume 1, Number 1 of this publication and is making arrangements to regularly receive copies of all future publications.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955) DATE: July 23, 1956

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X
(Mobile Origin)

Rerep SA [redacted], Mobile, dated April 20, 1956. b6 b7C

This is to advise that the Birmingham Office is reporting the activity of each local Citizens Council in this area. A separate report is being submitted in each case and one copy furnished Mobile, the office of origin.

Inasmuch as each local council is being handled separately and independently, instant case is being considered RUC.

5-1 to Mobile
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CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated July 27, 1956, captioned "Citizens' Councils of Alabama, aka, IS-X."

In the event the files of your office contain no information concerning Miss [redacted] which would make an interview with her undesirable, authority is granted to contact her for the purpose of determining the extent of her knowledge concerning origin and dissemination of the handbill entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation." Advise Bureau results promptly.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 7/27/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka
IS-X
Mobile - Origin

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 7/12/56, captioned Association of Citizens' Councils of Alabama, IS-X

By a search of the 1955 City Directory of Montgomery, Ala., and through a pretext telephone call to Alabama State College for Negroes at Montgomery 7/23/56, it has been ascertained that Miss [redacted], [redacted], Montgomery, is presently employed as a teacher at the above institution. Referenced letter reflects that Miss [redacted] had a copy of the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation," which was the subject of inquiry in referenced letter.

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The advice of the Bureau is solicited as to whether or not Miss [redacted] should be contacted for any information she may have pertaining to the origin of this handbill. The General American Credit Company at Montgomery advised 7/23/56, that Miss [redacted]'S credit rating is satisfactory and that their files contain no unfavorable information.

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She related that she prepared a handwritten copy of the handbill entitled "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" from a typewritten copy which was in the possession of Miss [redacted] of [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama. She advised that she had no information concerning the original source of the handbill and further advised that she could not state whether the original handbill had been printed or typewritten. She stated that she had no idea as to how Miss [redacted] came into possession of her copy.

She pointed out that practically everybody in the colored neighborhoods in Montgomery, Alabama, had seen a copy of the handbill and the number of copies in circulation were very numerous. She also recalled, while resting in her home at [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, an individual residing in the house at [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, reading a copy of the handbill out loud to somebody in the backyard at the address.

She further advised that the handbill was reportedly distributed at a White Citizen's Council meeting held at Montgomery, Alabama in February, 1956 although she pointed out that other rumors which were being circulated placed the source of the handbill in the following categories:

1. From janitors who cleaned up the Coliseum after the White Citizen's Council meeting.

2. From maids who work in the white people's homes in Montgomery, Alabama and perhaps picked up a copy of the handbill in the course of their duties.

3. From cleaning people who worked in the downtown offices in Montgomery, Alabama who perhaps picked up a copy of the handbill while in the discharge of their duties.

Miss [redacted] pointed out that the feeling among the colored people in Montgomery, Alabama, concerning the circulation of the handbill was not one of indignation but on the contrary was one of pity that somebody had such a distorted mind and would write such awful things concerning the Negroes. She advised that the contents of the handbill had been discussed in churches by Negro ministers who repeatedly asked that no violence eminate from the circulation of the handbill.

Miss [redacted] volunteered the information that perhaps more information concerning the circulation of the handbill could be obtained by contacting officials of the Montgomery Improvement League since that organization had as its purpose the maintenance of law and order in the colored

neighborhoods and that undoubtedly the officials were in a better position to shed some light on the history of the handbill.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

No leads are being set forth for the Mobile Office with respect to information obtained from the interview of Miss [redacted] in view of the fact that the Cleveland Office is not aware of the scope of the investigation previously conducted by the Mobile Office in this matter and, therefore, it is left to the discretion of the Mobile Office to determine what possible investigative leads can be obtained from the information supplied by Miss [redacted].

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Report of SA [redacted], 7/18/56, Mobile.
Cleveland letter to Bureau 7/12/56.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE
CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.

REPORT MADE BY [redacted]

TYPED BY jml

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SYNOPSIS:

Miss [redacted] advised she made a handwritten copy of the handbill "A Preview of the Declaration of Segregation" from a typewritten copy which was in the possession of Miss [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama. Miss [redacted] stated she had no information concerning the original source of the handbill.

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DETAILS: At Cleveland, Ohio

On July 10, 1956, Miss [redacted], was interviewed. She advised that she was a former high school teacher in Montgomery, Alabama and that she has applied for a position as a high school teacher in the Cleveland public school system.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) (RM)

DATE: August 28, 1956

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (105-1614)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Rerep of SA [redacted], dated 8-9-56, at Cleveland.

On August 21, 1956, the Bureau advised that reference reports should be declassified.

The Mobile Office is requested to declassify copies of reference reports furnished to that office.

The Mobile Office is requested to advise appropriate agencies which received copies of reference reports to make similar changes.

CC: 2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Mobile (105-121) (RM)
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0-1 from Mobile dtd 9-28-56; Mobile advises Report will be submitted by 10-18-56: Reason for delay: Mobile memo 9-13-56: 10-3-56 KH.

5-1 - to Mobile re Aug. 1956, Vol. 1, #6 issue "Montgomery County Citizens' Council States' Rights Advocate." 9-11-56. AmB.

Vol. 1, #6, Aug. 1956 issue above publication recd. Routed interested supervisors & filed in Publications. (See 105-43132-22) 9/21/56 AmB.

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cc Mr. [redacted]

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CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Mobile letter dated August 29, 1956, in which the names of 44 citizens councils situated within the territory covered by your office were set forth.

A review of Bufiles fails to reveal information has been furnished by your office on the following organizations listed in the referenced letter.

Citizens' Council of Attalla, Alabama
Brookwood, Alabama, Citizens' Council
Citizens' Council of Cahaba Heights, Birmingham, Alabama
Chelsea, Alabama, Citizens' Council
Citizens' Council of Docena, Alabama
Citizens' Council of Gadsden, Alabama
Citizens' Council of Kimberly, Alabama
Minor District Citizens' Council
Citizens' Council of Ragland, Alabama
Citizens' Council of Rocky Ridge, Birmingham, Alabama
Citizens' Council of Shades Mountain, Birmingham, Alabama
Fultondale, Alabama, Citizens' Council

In the event you have not already done so you are instructed to initiate immediately discreet inquiries regarding the above-listed organizations which should be conducted in accordance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter 55-66. A report on each of organization should be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than 45 days after receipt of this communication by your office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 8/29/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka IS-X

Rerep SA [redacted], 7/18/56, Mobile. b6 b7C

On 8/13/56, Mr. M. ALSTON KEITH, Attorney, Selma, Ala., who is a member of the Executive Committee of subject organization, furnished to SA JOHN P. BRADY a mailing list of Citizens' Councils in Alabama which are affiliated with subject organization. This list identifies the particular Council, the name and address of the Chairman thereof and in some instances furnishes additional information such as other officers of the individual Council. It is noted that certain portions of this list furnished by KEITH are difficult to read and the names set out hereinafter may not be entirely accurate.

KEITH stated that this list is the most current one that he has, but that it was prepared about two months ago and there may be some changes since that time.

This list contains 32 Councils located in the Mobile Division territory and 44 located in the Birmingham territory. It is noted that the Mobile Office has pending files on all but 3 of these 32 Councils and separate letters are being forwarded to the Bureau concerning these 3 and no inquiry will be conducted regarding them until authority is received from the Bureau.

The 44 Councils located in the Birmingham territory are being set out hereinafter. It is suggested that the Birmingham Office notify the Bureau by separate letter concerning any council on which the Birmingham Office does not already have a file and, of course, no inquiry be made until authorized by the Bureau.

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1. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ALABASTER, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. T. M. ALLEN
[redacted]
Alabaster, Ala.

2. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ASHLAND, ALA.
Chairman - PAUL LIVEY
Ashland, Ala.

3. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ATALLA, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. CHARLES O'REAR
[redacted]
Atalla, Ala.

4. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF BAYVIEW, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. M. E. HILTON (possibly Milton)
[redacted]
Birmingham, Ala.

5. BIBB COUNTY, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. C. E. HORNSBY, JR.
Centreville, Ala.

6. BROOKWOOD, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. M. L. HOOPER
Brookwood, Ala.

7. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF CAHABA HEIGHTS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Chairman - Rev. AUDREY POWELL
[redacted]
Birmingham, Ala.
Secretary - Mr. G. W. ANTHONY, JR.
[redacted]
Birmingham, Ala.

8. CALHOUN COUNTY, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. M. H. SMITHERMAN
[redacted]
Anniston, Ala.

9. CHELSEA, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. H. P. WILLIAMSON
[redacted]
Sterrett, Ala.

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10. COOSA VALLEY CITIZENS' COUNCIL, CALCIS, ALA.
Secretary - Mr. ERNEST WARREN, Calcis, Ala.

11. COLUMBIANA, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. W. W. RABREN, [redacted]
Columbiana, Ala.

12. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF DOCENA, ALA.
Secretary - Mr. W. B. TURNER
Docena, Ala.

13. INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' COUNCIL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. TED HAGEN
[redacted]
Birmingham, Ala.

14. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ENSLEY, ALA.
Secretary - Mr. JOE L. BRACKMELL
[redacted]
Ensley, Ala.

15. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF FAIRFIELD, ALA.
Secretary - Mr. W. E. McLENDON
[redacted]
Fairfield, Ala.

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16. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF GADSDEN, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. ROBERT E. STEWART
[redacted]
East Gadsden, Ala.

17. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF GARDENDALE, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. EDWARD PARKS, JR.
[redacted]
Birmingham, Ala.

18. GORDO, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. VERDO ELMORE
Gordo, Ala.

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19. GREENE CO., ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Judge JAMES S. COLEMAN, JR.
Eutaw, Ala.
Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. RALPH BANKS, JR.
Eutaw, Ala.

20. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF KIMBERLY, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. VERBIN CRANE
Kimberly, Ala.

21. LINCOLN, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. TOM F. GRIFFIN
Lincoln, Ala.

22. LINEVILLE, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. HERBERT C. SEYMOUR
Lineville, Ala.
Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. E. L. GRIFFIN

23. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF MIDFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. HERMAN PRANTL
[redacted]
Birmingham, Ala.

24. MINOR DISTRICT CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. W. H. NICHOLS
Docena, Ala.

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25. PELHAM, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
President - Mr. H. A. JONES
[redacted]
Pelham, Ala.

26. PICKENS CO., ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. GILLIARD ROBERSON
Carrollton, Ala.

27. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF RAGLAND, ALA.
Chairman - Dr. J. W. BO_ _ _ _ (illegible)
Ragland, Ala.

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X 28. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF ROCKY RIDGE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
President - Mr. H. C. WHITE
[redacted]
Birmingham 9, Ala.

X 29. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF SHADES MOUNTAIN, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. FLOYD BROWN
[redacted]
Birmingham 9, Ala.

30. SUMTER CO., ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. C. B. HIGHTOWER
Livingston, Ala.
Vice-Chairman - Mr. ALLEN _ _ _ _ (illegible)
Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. _. E. CONNELL, JR.

31. SYLACAUGA, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. CHARLES McKAY
Sylacauga, Ala.

32. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF TALLADEGA, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. JOHN W. COLEMAN, [redacted]
Talladega, Ala.
Treasurer - L. E. CLIFFORD
Secretary - Mrs. ROY H. BROWNING

33. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF TARRANT, ALA.
Chairman - Dr. JOHN H. WHITLEY
[redacted]
Tarrant City, Ala.

34. TUSCALOOSA, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. LEONARD WILSON
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Secretary - LOUIS J. WADE
Treasurer - H. _. PEEL

35. CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF WARRIOR, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. EARLY CALDWELL
Warrior, Ala.

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36. WEST END CITIZENS' COUNCIL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Chairman - Mr. MERRITT NEWBY
[redacted]
Birmingham 11, Ala.
Secretary - Mrs. IRENE
[redacted]
Birmingham, Ala.

37. MONTEVALLO, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. B. A. PAULEY
[redacted]
Montevallo, Ala.

38. PELL CITY, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. _____ KILGORE
Pell City, Ala.

39. LIPSCOMB, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - J. W. HARTLEY
[redacted]
Lipscomb, Ala.
Vice-Chairman - Mr. J. D. SEARCY
[redacted]
Lipscomb, Ala.
Secretary - Mr. O. L. BLANKENSHIP
[redacted]
Lipscomb, Ala.
Treasurer - Mr. CARL F. ALLEN
[redacted]
Lipscomb, Ala.

X 40. FULTONDALE, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Treasurer - Mrs. FRED DISMIKES
[redacted]
Fultondale, Ala.

41. NORTH BIRMINGHAM CITIZENS' COUNCIL, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
President - Mr. ROBERT GAFFORD
[redacted]
Birmingham, Ala.

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Treasurer - Mr. HOWARD L. MANNING
Assistant Secretary - Mr. GEORGE L. LAW

42. MORGAN-GREENWOOD CITIZENS' COUNCIL, BESSEMER, ALA.
President - Mr. A. M. MIXON
[redacted]
Bessemer, Ala.

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43. HOLT CITIZENS' COUNCIL, TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
Secretary - Mr. C. L. SIMPSON
[redacted]
East Tuscaloosa, Ala.

44. FOSTERS, ALA. CITIZENS' COUNCIL
Chairman - Mr. NED MOORE
Fosters, Ala.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 9/6/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
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ReBuLet to Mobile 8/7/56.

Miss [redacted], Montgomery, Ala., advised on 9/4/56, that she has no first-hand knowledge concerning the leaflet captioned "A Preview to the Declaration of Segregation", and has never seen or possessed a copy of this leaflet. She said that she had heard of it, but was unable to identify any person from whom she received information concerning the leaflet, or any person who might have possessed a copy. She said that she had no idea or information concerning the origin of this literature.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 9/13/56

FROM : SAC, MOBILE

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka IS - X

Rerep SA [redacted], Mobile, 7/18/56. b6 b7C

Activity of subject organization is limited and it is suggested that reports be submitted on a quarterly basis rather than every 45 days.

Accordingly, this file is being placed in a pending inactive status and UACB, the next report will be submitted by 10/18/56.

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IS- X.

REMYTEL EIGHTEENTH INSTANT AND MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BUREAU EVENING NINETEENTH INSTANT. PSI [redacted] National Security Informant

[redacted] ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY EIGHTEENTH INSTANT HE

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[redacted] SAID MIA HAD BOARD MEETING AFTERNOON EIGHTEENTH INSTANT WHEN THEY VOTED TO WRITE LETTERS TO AG BROWNELL AND DIRECTOR, FBI, REQUESTING APPOINTMENT TO TALK THIS SITUATION OVER WITH THEM AND ENLIST FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. GOVERNOR FOLSOM CONTACTED BY MIA REPRESENTATIVE RE INSTANT SITUATION AND FOLSOM ADVISED HE WAS AWARE SOME IMPENDING TROUBLE AND HAD ALREADY DESIGNATED THE NATIONAL GUARD (NG) COMMANDER AND A SPECIAL GROUP OF NG TROOPS WHO WOULD HANDLE SITUATION IF TROUBLE AROSE. [redacted]

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[redacted]. IN VIEW INTENSE CONCERN ON PART MIA OFFICIALS MONTGOMERY, [redacted] HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY

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ADVISED [redacted]. SINCE THIS ENTIRE SITUATION REPORTED TO GOVERNOR FOLSOM BY MIA REPRESENTATIVES, [redacted] FELT GOVERNOR SHOULD KNOW INFO DEVELOPED RE [redacted]. IT IS RECOMMENDED I PERSONALLY CONTACT GOVERNOR FOLSOM AT MONTGOMERY TWENTIETH INSTANT AND APPRISE HIM FACT THIS BUREAU RECEIVED COMPLAINT FROM MIA OF THIS SITUATION AND THAT PERSON MAKING ALLEGATIONS DEFINITELY IDENTIFIED. FOLSOM WILL BE APPRISED BACKGROUND INFO FOUND IN AVAILABLE RECORDS RE [redacted] AND SPECIFICALLY THAT BRIEF INQUIRY ESTABLISHED [redacted]. CAPT. EDWARD P. BROWN, NA, MONTGOMERY PD, WILL BE SIMILARLY ADVISED. THIS OFFICE INTENDS CONDUCT PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE SUR ON [redacted] NIGHT TWENTYFIRST INSTANT TO DETERMINE HIS SPECIFIC WHEREABOUTS AS HE PROBABLY [redacted] WILL CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH [redacted] UNTIL SUBSEQUENT TO THIS PROSPOSED MEETING. I HAVE DISCREETLY DETERMINED GOVERNOR FOLSOM WILL BE AVAILABLE IN HIS OFFICE, MONTGOMERY, TWENTIETH INSTANT, AND UACB BY TEN A. M., CST, I WILL CONTACT FOLSOM AS RECOMMENDED BY ME.

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HOLD FOR ANOTHER MESSAGE

MR. [illegible]
AND SUPERVISOR
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

cc Liaison Section
cc Mr. [redacted]

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Date: September 20, 1956

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
Associations of Citizens Councils of Alabama

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 19, 1956, in which you were furnished information concerning data supplied to a source of this Bureau by an individual named [redacted] to the effect that [redacted].

For your additional information the source who previously furnished information concerning this situation advised that [redacted]

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The source had [redacted]

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cc Bufile 105-NEW (Unidentified Citizens Council, Montgomery, Alabama.)

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

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[redacted]

The source advised that [redacted]

Governor James Folsom was contacted by a representative of the Montgomery Improvement Association regarding information furnished by [redacted] and Governor Folsom advised he was aware of some impending trouble and had already designated the National Guard commander and a special group of National Guard troops who will handle the situation if trouble arises.

Records of the regional office of the Veterans Administration reflect [redacted]

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Letter to Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army

Inquiry was made of [redacted].

Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished you promptly.

cc Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

cc Director of Special Investigations
The Inspector General
Department of the Air Force
Building Tempo E
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

cc - Boardman
Belmont
[redacted]

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 19, 1956

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Letter to SAC, Mobile dated 10-9-56 attached S-1 forms dated 9/24/56 dealing with Association found at B. Mobile to advise B whether form was sent to Alabamian of subscription to Alabamian. See Serial 86 for status. pll

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RACIAL SITUATION
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama

A confidential source of the Mobile Office of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted]

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cc - Bufile 105-New (Unidentified citizens council, Montgomery, Alabama)

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Letter to The Attorney General

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The source advised that [redacted] appeared to be frightened but otherwise serious, sane and rational. The source said he believes the story as furnished by [redacted].

On September 18, 1956, [redacted] advised the source that [redacted].

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Letter to The Attorney General

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The source advised that [redacted].

Captain Edward P. Brown, Montgomery Police Department, advised he knows a [redacted] and a [redacted] who are cronies and who are frequently in trouble. They are known as rough characters. No records of [redacted] and [redacted] or [redacted] were located in the records of the Montgomery Police Department. [redacted] FBI Number [redacted], has been arrested on seven occasions. He has been charged with assault and battery, robbery, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. [redacted], FBI Number [redacted], has been arrested on seven occasions on charges including assault to murder, assault and battery, disorderly conduct and fighting.

Asa E. Carter is executive secretary of the Alabama Citizens' Councils and John Kasper is executive secretary of the White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia. [redacted] has been active in the Montgomery Improvement Association and the individual referred to as [redacted] and identified as [redacted] may be [redacted], who has also been active in the Montgomery Improvement Association. As set forth previously, the Montgomery Improvement Association is the organization sponsoring the boycott of buses in Montgomery by Negroes.

Letter to The Attorney General

Appropriate local authorities have been notified concerning this information and intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces are being advised. Any additional pertinent information received relative to this matter will be furnished to the Department promptly.

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The Mobile Office has been telephonically instructed to furnish this information to appropriate and reliable local authorities. Mobile was also telephonically instructed to run out these allegations and keep the Bureau promptly informed of additional information received. Intelligence agencies of the Armed Forces are being advised by separate communication. Information set forth in Mobile teletype sent at 6:33 p.m., 9/18/56, concerning Kasper's speaking in Wetumpka, Alabama, is being disseminated to the Department and intelligence agencies by separate communication.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

SAC, MOBILE 9-18-56 1-30AM BJJ [redacted]

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Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama
WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IS- X

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[redacted], TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED SECRET

Potential Security Informant
MEETING WITH PSI [redacted]. PROMISED ~~QUOTE~~, DRASTIC INFORMATION "

~~UNQUOTE~~,. [redacted] UNDER

Physical Surveillance
FISUR BY SA [redacted], SA [redacted] AND [redacted].

[redacted]

[redacted] A WHITE CITIZEN- S COUNCIL LED BY JOHN KASPER

AND ASA E. CARTER. THIS GROUP NOT CONNECTED WITH ESTABLISHED

CITIZENS COUNCIL OF ALA. AND NEW GROUP DEDICATED TO VIOLENCE.

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[redacted] THIS NEW QUOTE, WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL, UNQUOTE HAS TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEMBERS IN MONTGOMERY AND HAS OTHER GROUPS IN OTHER CITIES. [redacted] ALL MEMBERS ARE VETERANS AND MUST HAVE REPUTATION FOR BEING ROUGH AND TOUGH, BUT NOT NECESSARYLY CRIMINAL RECORDS. ALL HAVE SIGNED THEIR NAMES IN BLOOD AND HAVE SWORN THEMSELVES TO OBEY ALL ORDERS OF SUPERIORS IN ORGANIZATION INCLUDING MASS EXTERMINATION OF NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS. [redacted]

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[redacted]. THIS OFFICE HAS NO WAY TO EVALUATE DATA SUPPLIED [redacted] ALTHOUGH [redacted] RELIABILITY NOT DOUBTFUL. CAPT. EDWARD P. BROWN, N. A. , MONTGOMERY, PD WILL BE

NATIONAL ACADEMY

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DISCREETLY ADVISED OF ABOVE DATA AND MOBILE WILL MAKE IMMEDIATE DISCREET INQUIRES TO IDENTIFY NAMED PERSONS AND ATTEMPT TO CORROBORATE ABOVE DATA. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FUTHER PERTENENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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END AND ACK PLS

3-45 AM OK FBI WA BW

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AG, Rogers etc & Intelligence Agencies being advised

MR. BELMONT
~~AND SUPERVISOR~~
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

Mobile was telephonically advised & instructed to press investigation to identify members this group. JCM

2 Rights. Also see that appropriate & reliable local authorities are notified.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 9-15-56

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (105-272)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet dated September 10, 1956.

Referenced Bureau letter set forth a list of 12 citizens councils. The Bureau pointed out that no information was available in Bureau files concerning these particular groups. It should be noted that the Birmingham Office has a file on three of these organizations, but under a different caption.

The Citizens Council of Gadsden, Alabama, is identical with Birmingham file entitled, "Citizens Council of Etowah County," Bufile 105-46073. Minor District Citizens Council is identical with the case entitled, "Citizens Council of Minor Heights", Bufile 105-46432. Citizens Council of Shades Mountain is identical with Citizens Council of Bluff Park, Shades Mountain", Bufile 105-46519. It should be noted that the three communities of Fultondale, Gardendale and Mount Olive have combined to form one citizens council, which is the Citizens Council of Gardendale, Alabama, Bufile 105-48331.

The Birmingham Office is opening separate files on the Citizens Councils of Attalla, Brookwood, Cahaba Heights, Chelsea, Docena, Kimberly, Ragland and Rocky Ridge. A report will be prepared on each organization to reach the Bureau by October 26, 1956. Discreet inquiries will be made regarding these organizations in accordance with SAC Letter 55-66.

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cc Mr. [redacted]

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SAC, Mobile

September 24, 1956

Director, FBI (105-33955)

KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE
CITIZENS COUNCILS OF ALABAMA
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

The Bureau is in receipt of 28 letters from your office all dated September 13, 1956, and two letters dated September 17, 1956, concerning individual citizens councils about which inquiries are being made by your office. Each letter reveals the activity of the organization to which that letter pertains is limited and it is suggested in each letter that a report be submitted quarterly rather than every 45 days. You advised that unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau the file is being placed in a pending inactive status.

The Bureau desires wherever possible that these cases be placed in a pending inactive status if the activities of the organization do not warrant maintaining them in a pending status. Prior to placing these cases in a pending inactive status you should make sure that the following points have been reported in each case:

(1) Formation and scope

(2) Aims and purposes

(3) Methods used or advocated to achieve objectives

(4) Names of officers

(5) Background information concerning the officers

(6) Extent of Klan infiltration, if any, into the organization

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The Bureau desires to have the information covered in the above points in order to determine the potential for violence on the part of each of these groups.

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It is realized that in some of the communities in Alabama it is impossible to obtain background information concerning the officers of these organizations without making open investigations and in such cases it will be sufficient for you to so advise the Bureau; however, wherever possible background information should be obtained.

In the event all of the information desired by the Bureau as indicated in the points listed above has been reported authority is granted to place these cases in a pending inactive status. With the submission of the next report in each case advise whether these items mentioned above have been reported. If your office has been unable to obtain information in a certain case you should so advise and furnish the reasons therefor.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 10/2/56

FROM : SAC, Mobile

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF ALABAMA, aka.
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By letters dated 9/6/56 this office notified OSI, ONI and G-2 that the report of SA [redacted], 8/9/56, Cleveland, had been declassified.

By letters dated 9/19/56 and 9/28/56, ONI, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S. C., advised that searches had been made and copy of this report could not be located.

The records of this office indicate that this report was forwarded to ONI originally. However, an extra copy has been prepared and furnished to ONI by letter 10/2/56.

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Reference is made to Bureau Form 5-1 dated 9/24/56, captioned as above, "ReBulet 8/7/56. Advise Bureau re status of subscription."

A check at the Bureau has failed to locate referenced form. Please advise the Bureau, attention Central Research Section, whether this form was returned, and the status of the subscription to the publication "Alabamian."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-33955) DATE: 10/12/56

ATTN: CENTRAL RESEARCH SECTION

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (105-121)

SUBJECT: KLAN INFILTRATION INTO THE
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Aka Assocation of Citizens'
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Re Bureau R/S (Form 5-1) dated 9/24/56.

Forwarded herewith to the Central Research Section are 2 copies each of Volume I, Numbers 1,2 and 3 of "The Alabamian", official publication of the Citizens' Councils of Alabama, dated July, August and September, 1956.

Arrangements have been made to secure, on a regular basis, and furnish to the Bureau 2 copies of each succeeding issue of this publication.

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